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THE DRESSING-ROOM.

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In a mystic region down among the traps,
Where deluded strangers meet with sad mishaps,
Where the Queen Titania dons each golden tress,
There our footlight genii study, chat, and dress.

Ladies of the ballet, scantily arrayed,
Quarreling for "places," seek each other's aid;
Gaunt and gloomy villain searches all the pegs
In the room adjoining, looking for his legs!

Here the frantic mother ends her mournful wail,
Drowning all her troubles in a mug of ale,
While the "virtuous father," plump and o'erfed,
Murdered in the Prologue, saunters home to bed.

This we hear of chatter: "Fix your other calf—
House as cold as Greenland—couldn't get a laugh—
Smith's a bad Don Cæsar—perfectly absurd"—
"How was Thompson's ballad?"—"Worst I ever heard."

"There's a 'call' to-morrow, everybody's blue;
I was 'letter perfect,' never got a 'cue' "—
"I'm 'well up' in Hamlet—everything's serene"—
"Overture is over—hurry, there's your scene!"

Here our Thespian heroes, men of many types,
Drink clandestine "bitters," smoke forbidden pipes;
Here the tinseled mimics, 'till the curtain's furled,
Talk and act like creatures of our common world!

EDWARD E. KIDDER.

EVELYN DE VERE;

OR,

THE TWO CITIES.

A LIFE DRAMA PLAYED ON THE WORLD'S STAGE.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
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CHAPTER VI.

A STRANGER IN THE OLD HOME.

Before Evelyn could compose herself sufficiently to approach the door of Morton Villa she was forced by the strangeness of her agitation to take several turns a short distance from the house.

Who was he who had spoken like one in authority at her old home? By what right had he addressed the man from Manchester in the manner she had witnessed? Then followed the dread thought that she might meet him inside the house, and her poor heart quailed.

She walked hastily a little farther along the silent road, until the old church at Ealing came in sight, and the rising Castle Bar Hill loomed up in front of her. The evening shadows sent their darkening tints amongst the distant scraps of woodland lying here and there between this time-honored place and still more time-honored Harrow. The spire of Harrow Church took its towering way high up into the gray tint of sky, and Evelyn paused to look at the scene, made all the more picturesque by the shadows of light and darkness.

Strangely enough, Evelyn could never view this distant scene without her mind reverting to Byron. "The most gifted and most unfortunate of men," was her mild summing-up of his genius, his goodness and his sins.

The growing stillness around her, with the darkening eventide creeping on, she felt drawn away from her present painful wanderings into a pleasant reverie, in which she went through all her rambles about the country down here, over purple hills, pleasant lawns and shaded dales, that make Middlesex anything but the most inferior of England's numerous counties.

Her reverie faded with the light, and then she returned towards home. At sight of the house the scene which had taken place between the two men returned with full force to her mind; still she knocked at the street-door, and the door was at once opened by an old charwoman, whom Evelyn well knew.

"Mrs. Brierley is in the parlor, miss," said the good woman, with a welcome smile beaming all over her grinny face.

"Thanks, Mrs. Ford; and how do you do?" asked Evelyn, walking on to the parlor-door, which she opened herself, and entered the room; but at a second step, however, she stood motionless, her sad, dreamy eyes extended, and the color on her face coming and going like reflected sunlight on a darkened wall.

"Evelyn, my love," cried the clear voice of Mrs. Brierley, who was half starting out of her chair, and now restrained herself irresolute.

There was a stranger in the old home—a dark-browed, swarthy-faced man, with glittering eyes, dark, wiry hair and broad shoulders—the person who had addressed the man from Manchester. He was standing now with his back against the chimney-board, his arms folded, and his glittering eyes fixed steadily upon Eva, whom he regarded with a curious kind of smile.

"Evelyn, my love," said Mrs. Brierley, rising now and taking the young girl's gloved hand in her own, "an old friend of my late husband's—Mr. Stephen Plummer, just come from abroad."

Mrs. Brierley was paler than usual, and seemed to speak with some emotion. There was restraint, not unmixed with fear, too, in the glance that she cast sideways at Mr. Stephen Plummer.

"How d'ye do, miss?" moving lazily and heavily towards Eva. "Are you James Devere's child?"

"Yes, sir."

"Mr. Plummer knew your father, my love," Mrs. Brierley let drop in her old, passive voice.

"Indeed, dear?"

Evelyn tried very hard to shake hands with Mr. Stephen Plummer, but the act was slightly repugnant to her feelings. She took an instinctive dislike to this man at first sight. He cast a shadow, darkening the sunlight of the old home.

"Oh, yes; I knew your father many years ago. It's a more than you can do to remember him."

Mr. Stephen Plummer had a knack of twisting words about in a style more original than elegant. He dropped an aspirate of five pounds every seven, and was not above throwing away an h now and then, with an indifference and generosity quite startling, and used strong terms that must have taken years and no end of strange traveling to collect.

"That, sir, is my misfortune. Pray do not let me keep you out of your seat."

"Oh, not at all, thank you. Mrs. Bre'l'y's such an old friend of mine that I feel at home here again, though it's many years since we parted, ain't it?"

"Have you traveled far?" asked Eva, who could see that his conversation and company under present circumstances were anything but agreeable.

"Well, yes; I guess I've done a yard or two. I've been out a few times, and cap'en of three smart sailers before I stopped down in the colonies."

"Have you just come from the colonies?"

"Just as quick as the infernal old sailer would bring me, and I landed here nigh a week ago, I should say."

"And are you going back soon?"

Perhaps Eva asked this a little eagerly, and perhaps he observed this, for he looked across at Mrs. Brierley with a leer lurking on his mouth, as if he had intended it for a smile that meant mysteries.

"Well, not exactly; I've had enough of it, you bet."

Evelyn was not given to betting even in a mild way, and failed to see what there was to bet on at present. She wondered in what manner this man could have been connected with her father. He was in no way a gentleman, had much of the vagabond about him, and to a girl of Evelyn's delicate organization he was unutterably coarse; but still she felt some curiosity, since he had spoken familiarly of her father.

"Where did you know my father?" she asked, with her sad, dreamy eyes full upon him. Again the nameless leer settled on his mouth, and his glance went straight at Mrs. Brierley with much hidden meaning.

"In England! It's many years ago, I should say——"

"My love," interrupted Mrs. Brierley, "do not continue this subject; and, as you must not stay very long, I should really like to have a few minutes' private conversation with you in my room, if Mr. Plummer will excuse us."

"Oh, certainly," was the gruff response, and the ladies immediately left the room, not at all begrudging him the sole and uninterrupted possession of it.

"Does he—the person down-stairs—often come here?" asked Eva, as soon as she was closeted with her old guardian.

"Every day, my love," answered Mrs. Brierley. Her hand gripped a chair-back as she spoke and she seemed to be leaning heavily upon it. "He has not much to live on now, and I cannot find it in my heart to forget old kindness; he was good to Brierley in the past. But he has changed since then, sadly changed. Misfortune and a hard life have done their work with him. There was not a shipowner fifteen years ago who would not have entrusted him with the finest vessel afloat. Plummer is not forty, or not more than that, now."

Whatever this man Plummer might have been, or whatever his purpose here now or in the future, Evelyn was conscious of this, that there was an evident moral change in Mr. Brierley. She was conscious, too, that this moral change, if it lasted, was not good in effect, whatever the cause.

"Will he come always?" Evelyn said.

"I cannot shut the door in his face, my love," was the reply uttered, half in defiance, half apologetically: "I am sorry that he came; but, now that he is here, we must make the best of it, and I am very lonely here now. The place is not only quiet, but it's dull."

"Where does he live now?"

"He has got a room somewhere in this neighborhood. But there, my love, do not trouble about him—he is rough and uncouth, but he is not a bad man at heart. There are many worse than him in finer attire. Are you still happy with the Falconcourts, my love?"

"My dear Marian is more than kind to me."

"Do you see Doyle often?"

"Now and then. It seems that his professional duties keep him constantly employed. He tells me that is the reason medical men take the first opportunity of marrying—their comfort lies at home."

Mrs. Brierley looked thoughtful, and was silent for a time.

"Ah, well, my love," she said at length, heaving a deep-drawn sigh. "What will be will be, and it's no use striving against it. How do you go back, my love?"

"By train to Paddington. Sam is to meet me there at a little after nine."

"I will get tea for you, Eva. Tell me, darling child, are you in want of any money? Do not fear to take it. I have put some away; and, since you have been gone, your father's friend—relation, I should say—has sent me the double remittance."

Eva flung her arms round Mrs. Brierley's neck, and kissed the grave, placid face very fondly.

"What can *I* want money for, dear? Who knows, if you are not happier, but that I shall come back again?—and then see what an expensive, spoilt child I shall be."

"If it was not for your good, my love—and it is for your good, I can see—I would wish you back here gladly, gladly."

This was the first time the good woman had ever expressed that she thought Evelyn in any way was better from the old home—another proof of the moral change. The conviction came upon Evelyn like a breath of warning.

"Let us go down to tea, dear," said Eva, with a tinge of sadness in her voice.

Mrs. Brierley silently obeyed, and they sat in company with Mr. Stephen Plummer, who was sullen and reticent, but kept his eyes fixed upon Evelyn with a gleam of admiration in them that she did not care to bear. When they were going to the station—Mrs. Brierley never let Evelyn go alone—she said:

"I am only going to the station, Plummer, with Eva. Will you wait here till I come back?"

"Yes. Do you mind me smoking?"

"Do as you like," answered Mrs. Brierley as she passed out of the room, with Evelyn before her.

"Aye, I'll do that, Ellen, before I've done, without asking," he muttered with a grin, and, lighting his pipe, he sat down, stretched out his legs, and surveyed the room with enviable satisfaction.

The distance from Morton Villa to the railway station was not a long one, and when Mrs. Brierley and her young charge arrived they found the station as dismal as it invariably was after a train had been in or passed out. The officials might have been suddenly swallowed up by an earthquake, or carried on by the last engine, for all that was to be seen of them. The gas seemed to be on the strike, and the moon, in disgust, had sought the shelter of a massive cloud, so that the glistening metals wound their crooked way into darkness and mist. There were a few passengers waiting in the room allotted to the public for that purpose, and they all sat in obscure corners, glaring dumbly at one another, as if they were waiting to attend a funeral, and this was the most cheerless and miserable moment of their lives. Evelyn preferred the dismal platform to this unadorned imitation of a chamber of horrors not entirely divested of its occupants.

While Evelyn was standing relating the scene she had witnessed between Jasper Strong and Mr. Stephen Plummer, a lantern that looked like a jerky will-o'-the-wisp came from under the bridge towards them, and it was not until the gas was turned up that Evelyn could discover that a porter was bearing that light. Then the bell rang. Two flaming red eyes were seen in the distance down the line, and the people began to trail out of the waiting-room onto the platform like the last half-dozen or so of a congregation trail out of church.

"Stand back there!" cried a voice authoritatively; and then, and not till then, were the present representatives of the enlightened British public made aware that the station boasted of a small station-master (with the authoritative voice), a tall porter, a short one, and a haggard ticket-collector, who looked as though he suspected everyone of coming with malice and forethought to dodge by him without rendering their tickets to show that they had duly paid and accepted the one-sided agreement of the company.

"Good bye, my love——"

"Oh, what does he here?" broke in Evelyn.

Mrs. Brierley turned wonderingly, and then stared in blank surprise. There stood, almost between her and Evelyn, with a half-sullen, half-sheepish look on his face, his cap in his hand and his eyes shifting uneasily, the man from Manchester.

CHAPTER VII.

WHEN THE CLOUDS WERE COMING.

It was out of the question stopping now. Already the passengers were in the train, and the guard, with his hand on the carriage-door, demanded very brusquely whether the ladies were going on, because, if so, they were to jump in.

"I will speak to you presently," said Mrs. Brierley to the man from Manchester, and then exchanged a hurried good-bye with Eva, who had already been hustled into a seat.

The train started off, the gas was turned down, and the little station was as dismal as before. Jasper Strong followed close at Mrs. Brierley's heels. When they got clear inside the railway, she faced him in her calm, placid way, and spoke quietly, but was resolute in her manner.

"Now, Jasper Strong, what is it?"

"I beg your parding, Mrs. Brierley, ma'am, but I'm a-going back to Manchester, and I wanted to come and say so, and thank you afore I went. I did come over, ma'am, but was ordered from yer door."

"Yes, yes, I know; why do you leave a permanency, my good man?"

"This 'ere'll tell you, Mrs. Brierly, ma'am," said the poor fellow, with a gulp in his throat and a tear glistening in his eyes. Fumbling in his waistcoat pocket, he produced a creased and crumpled letter, which he held toward Mrs. Brierley. "It's from my gal, ma'am—age ten. Her mother, wot is my wife, is expected she'll live. I'm glad enough now I saved my earnings, which arter all aint much—it'll pay my fare down."

"When do you go?"

"To-morrow, lady."

"Call on me in the morning and bring that letter with you. I can't stay to read it now—there is no light here."

"But, ma'am, I was told not to go near your house again, and——"

"Who shall gainsay me?" Mrs. Brierley drew herself up. With her broad shoulders well thrown back, she looked a splendid creature in the eyes of Jasper Strong. "I have told you to call. As yet there is no master nor mistress there but me. I am both. Call to-morrow."

Jasper Strong waiting for another word she went her way. Her grave face was sternly set, and her brows very much contracted. Jasper Strong followed her at a respectful distance like a faithful dog, until he saw her safely inside Merton Villa. He turned back and went the village to his unseen home. Poor Jasper Strong! Better by far had he never come from Manchester, or if he had had to go on his way begging from door to door, than to stay here, where kindness and good-will had snatched him from hunger and destitution.

Mrs. Brierley found Mr. Stephen Plummer sitting in the quiet parlor smoking his brier-root pipe with much satisfaction. He was not in anyway refined in his manners, and therefore did not even trouble to rise when Mrs. Brierley entered.

"You look tired," he said.

Mrs. Brierley was of the opinion that her looks were a libel on her physical condition, and said so.

"Cross, then?"

"Not exactly, and yet not pleased. To be plain, Plummer, I do not like my authority to be interfered with. I am mistress here."

"What's the matter, then?"

"A poor fellow——"

"I know, Mrs. Bri'ley, who you're speakin' of—that party from Manchester. I saw him lurkin' about, and told him to go away. I often see him lurkin' about. Sorry if I did wrong."

"Very well, Stephen. The less said the better."

"That's my opinion. Well, and so that's James De Vere's gal, is it? By Jingo! she's grown up a beauty, splendid—quite a little duchess. Doesn't know about the d——"

"She knows nothing but that her parents are dead—she wishes to know nothing more. She has been happy with me nearly all her life, and never will I shatter that happiness, nor shall anyone else while I have power to prevent, Stephen."

"Thank you, Mrs. Bri'ley. I like to hear the old name again. I seemed like a boy to you and old Bri'ley fifteen years ago. The house has always lived in my mind, and the welcome I've had in it many and many a day's lived in my heart. Time's changed me, and my ways aint been all they should, p'raps. Wasn't all to blame, though. I've had a turn up west, down south in the diggins, and in the pr——well, never mind. I always used to pray in my sort of way that I might get back to see you once more. I tried hard, very hard, to bring some property with me, but failed, and that's the end of it. I have about two thousand dollars to come to me in a few weeks, and that's about my stock."

"Never mind, Stephen; your good fortune may still be in store."

"And often enough you've said words to that effect to me when things have gone wrong, and I've often thought of them, but somehow things would go wrong. Then I lost Bri'ley, and then my supporters, and you know the consequences."

"Don't speak of it, Stephen; I have buried the past——"

"Aye, and I too, for that matter, excepting that part which did have some sensations, and that was in your place. I remember" (he would adhere to that pronunciation of remember) "when the whole affair blew up and I was cast adrift amongst the sharks, you said to me: 'Come to my home, Stephen. If I have one, there will always be a chair, and whatever I may have in the house, to share.' Well, I thanked you then for it, for it was kind of yer, and I thank you now, though I never thought that I should be glad for a crust at your expense."

"And what do you think of doing now?"

"What can I do but what I never didn't hope I might have a chance of doing till now?"

His sullenness had gone, his face was somewhat animated, and he spoke with energy, not entirely devoid of rough eloquence, because he seemed intensely earnest.

"Look here, Mrs. Bri'ley, I've come home—I can't help calling it so—come home after fifteen years' hardship, and I find you as I left you—not looking much older, and no thinner, and, thank God, not poorer. I find you alone, quite alone, since little Eva's grown out of all knowledge of me and gone out in the world. I find you all alone, shut up here like a goodness knows what. I am alone, too. I am not quite dependent—why should I not have a right to what you now offer me?"

"Stephen——"

"Wait a minute, Mrs. Bri'ley; I know I'm younger than you. I know I'm rough now, and in some way worthless; but in the face of all this, with only the memories of all your great kindness to me in years gone by, I would beg you to give me the right to share this peaceful home with you."

"And live on Eva's money?"

"Have you not done so for years?"

"Don't insult me, Stephen." Mrs. Brierley stood up. There was a slight tint of anger in her face, and Mr. Plummer saw it.

"I did not intend to insult you; I only state my case. We are both alone in the world. You have been a widow for years—your secrets are mine, every one of them. Mine are of less consequence, truly, but you know them."

"Say no more to-night, Stephen; I will consider what you have said, and within this day week you shall have an answer. Mind you, whatever I say, I will adhere to it. It has always been my way through life. If I trust, I do so implicitly. I would do it as much for her sake as my own, for you know all that I dread her knowing. My poor Eva!"

"I shall be her friend too, and will not disgrace you, Mrs. Bri'ley."

"Enough for to-night, Stephen; you have my answer."

He did not attempt to continue the subject. They shook hands and parted, and long after he had gone Mrs. Brierley sat brooding over the events of the last few moments. The oil in the colza lamp was sinking, the fire was all aglow, now and then shooting out its red tongue of flame. Mrs. Brierley sat with her feet on the fender, her hands lying idly on her lap, her face overcast and clouded with the fitful light playing upon it, ever changing, but never once breaking the train of thought that held for the time such absolute sway over her senses.

It was such a time as this, but in the twilight, when she was aroused by a shadow falling upon the window; and, when she started up to see who was peering in, her heart stood still, it seemed, for the face was one that belonged to the memories of the past. The face was Plummer's. He recognised her, and entered the house. This is how they met after long years, and Mrs. Brierley felt that it perhaps would have been better had they never met at all. But she was thinking of him in the past, in the bold proposal with trembling wonder. Looking back into the obscurity of the past, she saw this man as he was then, before death took her husband away, and misery came upon the De Veres.

"Misery and crime," she mused unconsciously, "misery and crime broke up all the peace of their home, leaving me only with their helpless child, and this dark, heavy secret; and this Stephen knows all! Does he make the proposal knowing that he has the power to threaten, or is it out of sympathy? I am lonely, I know it!"

Whatever her dark, heavy secret was, whatever caused the misery and crime that left a child in the world friendless, it bore but little upon her judgment in the decision she was to give to Stephen. Rather was it to reveal all he knew, and shatter Evelyn's peace and happiness, than marry him to buy his silence.

In the years gone by, when Stephen had been first in command of a colonial trader, he had been good to her husband. They had traveled together, buffeted with the worldside by side, and Mrs. Brierley thought of this now, and her decision was that if, at the end of two months, he proved kind and earnest, she would accept his protection, for she was sadly lonely.

Why should not the union bring happiness? He would be no relation to Eva; therefore, if he were kind and considerate, she would not object. Then, again, Eva would not leave the Falconcourts until Mr. Doyle took her away. So Mrs. Brierley reasoned until the lamp went out, and the fire, collapsing to a small pile of gray-coated cinders, roused her into action once more.

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Jasper Strong called next day, and brought with him the letter from home. It was written badly, and the spelling was remarkable example of ingenuity, but the tale it bore was a sad one. The poor man's wife was unable to work, because of illness, and their friends, as poor as themselves, could render but little assistance.

"Mother has sold all she could," the letter went on to say, "and there is nothing much left but the bed, a table, and two chairs. Perhaps, dear father, you can send a shilling, or perhaps two. If you don't, mother will die." Another passage told how they had existed during four days on a loaf and a pound of rice; and a generous neighbor sent a supply of drippings, which was dwelt upon with great fervency and gratitude.

Mrs. Brierley could see the distressing picture as plainly as if she were there, and her heart ached, as it had often done when such cases as this came to her knowledge. There are, sadly, too many Strong families—not only in Manchester, but in all such towns, London especially; and yet, while these widely-spread Strongs are living amid famine and wretchedness, thousands of pounds are wasted.

Jasper Strong's employer had kindly given him his fare there and back, and Mrs. Brierley gave him a sovereign to take to his starving wife. She felt comfortable when she had done that; and, when Plummer made his daily visit, she met him more cheerfully than she had done as yet. The week soon passed. Plummer was quiet and orderly always, and clean in appearance and very attentive. When the time came for him to have his answer, Mrs. Brierley met him in her placid way.

"Well, Stephen, you want my answer. Here it is. Within two months I will be your wife, providing that nothing happens to separate us. Here is my hand upon it, and I shall trouble no more about it."

So it was settled. Could she have seen the clouds that were coming swiftly on, she would have rather die house should fall and crush them where they stood.

CHAPTER VIII.

MR. CAMPDEN HOPE.

There was a very great change at Kensington about the time that Mrs. Brierley was rushing headlong on to her fate with Plummer. Mr. Falconcourt had returned suddenly from Lincolnshire, was taken very ill, and was confined to his bed. Active and energetic always, he would not allow his mental faculties to take advantage of his physical condition; and, being engaged in literary as well as political work, he brought his secretary with him, and he, being a short-hand writer, made an able amanuensis.

For the first few days Mr. Falconcourt was able to see some of his Parliamentary friends in his bedroom, and for the time would not allow his indisposition to check his daughter's amusements; and, as she had a reception every Thursday evening, he begged Eva to represent him with those who might wish to see him on State business.

His secretary, Mr. Campden Hope, was a gentleman of good birth and first-class education. He had taken several degrees, and added that of senior wrangler to his honors. His father had been a friend of Mr. Falconcourt's, and when he died, leaving Campden and a younger sister with scarcely enough money to dress upon, Mr. Falconcourt took Campden as his secretary and confidant, and paid him handsomely.

Campden was a handsome, aristocratic young man —tall, slender and graceful. His face was full of poetry, his eyes full of sentiment, and he was a gentleman in every thought and act, with a very strict sense of honor and justice.

"You will like Campden," Marian said to Eva, as they were completing their toilet for the evening. "He is such a perfect gentleman, and talks so well. He is a great pet with papa—he declares he could never get on now without him."

At the age of fifteen Mr. Falconcourt's frankness was charming—it was so sincere, and she said things so prettily.

"I am sure that if he were rich he would be quite a lion in society."

"Is he poor, then?"

"Yes; he only has what papa pays him. I don't know how much it is, because, when I asked papa what Campden's salary was, he was quite cross—said that I ought not use such a term when speaking of a gentleman. Of course, I became very penitent, and wished Mr. Hope in Halifax or Bath or somewhere."

"And do you now?" asked Eva with a smile.

"Oh, dear, no! He is so unpretending, so good-natured, and sings so charmingly."

"We shall hear of a romantic love-match," laughed Eva.

"How can you, dear?" remonstrated Marian. "I never was romantic. Besides, Campden is one of those men whom you would have to make love to, more especially, any one in my position with him; he is so strict in points of honor. Ah, dear, there is that Doyle; I am positive I hear his step."

"I do not think so, dear," answered Eva, turning aside to avoid Miss Falconcourt's laughing eyes. Marian's face always flushed when Doyle came. His presence had an effect on her that Eva never observed on any other occasion, and it was becoming painfully evident to her now that Doyle was colder towards her, and ever had an excuse for his inattention in the duties of his laborious profession. Poor Eva! she always managed to take the bright side of everything. She thought that Doyle felt some sense of delicacy in showing his attachment too openly in Mr. Falconcourt's house; so she hoped on, her love growing stronger, and her faith unshaken in him who was only too dear to her.

When she and Miss Falconcourt descended to the drawing-room she found a tall, handsome young gentleman in grave conversation with a portly dowager relation of the family.

"How are you, Mr. Hope?" Miss Falconcourt said, drawing Eva to a quiet corner of the room, and Mr. Hope followed them. "Allow me—Mr. Hope, Miss De Vere—a dear, old, inseparable friend of mine, Mr. Hope.

Mr. Hope bowed gracefully; his full, brown eyes met Eva's. Both colored a little and glanced down, as silent as if they had suddenly been robbed of speech.

"I have had the honor of hearing of you, Miss De Vere, from Mr. Falconcourt," Mr. Hope said in a full, rich voice, softly modulated. Before any more could be said Mr. Doyle entered the drawing-room, and every eye was turned upon him.

He went straight up to Miss Falconcourt of course and spoke of her father's condition; then, turning towards Eva, he shook hands with her. He was now beset by everyone in the room—they all wanted to know how Mr. Falconcourt was, and he had to tell them.

Mr. Hope, taking advantage of this, sat down by the side of Eva and talked fluently upon those topics which seemed to interest her most. Doyle did not stay long, and when he departed he could only take a formal parting with Eva.

The evening was a very pleasant one. Mr. Hope paid scrupulous attention to Eva, with whom he seemed to be very much interested, and Eva was charmed with him. His conversation was brilliant, and his voice was strangely pleasing. His memory was good, and his knowledge unquestionably superior to that of most men in society. Yet he was so unassuming and retiring with it all that Eva could not help feeling a pleasure in giving him encouragement.

After this evening they met daily, and Mr. Hope was always glad to be in young ladies' society at any time. As the days passed, Mr. Falconcourt became worse, and he was ordered to relinquish all mental work for a time. No visitors were received, and a sort of Sabbath lull reigned through the house.

TO BE CONTINUED.

OFFENBACH.

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In tavern or on throne,
For me a welcome look;
My drink is the froth of the skin
That binds Joe Miller's book!
My jolly bells are brass,
And tinkle late hours—
Say ye that flesh is grass?
I hold it should be flowers.

CHAS. COLMANCE.

Jacob Offenbach was born in Cologne on the 30th of July, 1822. His father was a kapelmeister of some note, and consequently the child had so much melody drummed into his infantile ear that he was quite a prodigy on the pianoforte at an early age. At five years old he could manage the violin creditably, and scarcely a year afterwards he composed a romance. With this much precocious promise in hand, the father assumed the training with a joyous heart, and taught him all he could, save the bass-viol, which was forbidden one so young, lest the pressure on the chest should injure his health. But the violin succumbed to the charm of the forbidden, and in six months he taught himself the instrument, and all so secretly, in a corner of the house and in his father's absence, that all of a friendly party were amazed when the boy confidently offered to take the place of an absentee bass-player in a quartet by Haydn, and acquitted himself to such perfection that the feat was town-talk.

At the age of thirteen he was accounted in Cologne a consummate musician—too good for the city, perhaps a marvel for the world. After casting about, nothing less would content young hopeful's admirers but sending him to Paris. Cherubini was at the head of the music world there. Unfortunately, the regulations of the Conservatory of Music expressly excluded foreigners. But, as the young German was recommended as a first-rate violin-player, the great composer had at least to do him the courtesy to hear him, and that taste of his quality convinced him that the orthodox rule were a blunder. He procured a special permission by which the youth was entered in the orchestra of the Opera Comique as violoncellist. He and Seligmann were companions, not only in merit, but in that fondness for unseemly pranks and diversions which the uncommonly gifted always exercise when able to accomplish their work too easily as compared with others. Among their capers was—in passages where an effect in unison was intended—to play each a note alternately, so that there might as well have been but one instrument playing. Over and over again nothing but their talent saved them from dismissal. However, they were fined; and such pecuniary penalties fell so thickly that they had to resign, or receive merely the proverbial fiddler's fees.

In order to live, Offenbach dashed off sops to the Cerberus of Bohemia—songs, arrangements, waltzes for the quack Jullien the leader, and such drift, which he congratulates himself on having quite forgotten, even to the titles.

Men of science, and letters were remarkably clannish about the years 1836-40, and helped one another mutually. Bourgeois and Brisebarre—two playwrights who have brought more money into playhouses in America and Great Britain than native talent would ever do—pointed out to Offenbach that the unknown an order to put music to the vaudeville of "Pascal and Chambord," at the Palais Royal. Achard and Grascot were the principal actors. Grascot, as a humorist off the stage as well as on, a sort of Liston, was wont to amuse the German musician by embracing him in the street and warbling from the piece "The rascal shall not slope from me!" which often collected a mob.

Still, to quiet the inappeasable wolf, Offenbach began setting the fables of La Fontaine to music in a serio-comic strain, which happened to suit the taste, and lifted him into notice. Money as well as this fame increasing for him, he ventured to give some concerts. With prudence he slipped in a composition of his now and then, until by degrees he had made up a programme of his own entirely, which went as well as those of more eminent authors. Roger the tenor and Madame Ugalde were among his vocalists. After his success with ballads, he was about to essay operettas, when the hurlyburly of 1848 deafened the ear to all but martial music. He retired to his native land to give concerts, remaining there two years.

Meanwhile, he had not been absolutely forgotten by the band of brothers who had starved merrily in the wretched lodging-houses of the Students' Quarter, but who—at least those whose health had not broken down fatally—were finding places of worth in reward of great privations and much hard work under difficulties.

One of them, and about the most pecuniarily fortunate—Arsene Houssaye—becoming manager of the Comedie Francaise, engaged Offenbach as leader of the orchestra. In that post he had to repeat monotonously those old-fashioned "classical" overtures which, presumably, gave him a thirst for revenge against "the Romans and Greeks in periwigs"—a thirst glutted in his parodies of them later on.

One chance was tantalizing beyond belief. Musset's "Le Chandelier" was being rehearsed. Delaunoy, then really youthful and speaking in a lady-killing tenor, was naturally believed possessed of the same delightful singing-voice. Musset, as an old Bohemian, knew something of Jacques Offenbach, but, not having his acquaintance, urged Houssaye to get him to put a melody to the song of "Fortunio." Houssaye at once presented the musician. To the poet's surprise, the latter asked only to have the words to write the music. While the book was sent for, Delaunoy came in. Offenbach had dashed off that charming piece which all have heard either in the operette or in "Ours," where the lover sings it under the tree in the shower. Unfortunately, at the first notes, the actor sang a ponderous baritone. It was out of the question for any audience to accept gravely so absurd a contrast in vocalism. Marcel warbling in chest-notes to Raoul! Never would it do. The musician folded up his composition, like the tent of the Arab, an "as silently stole away." It was years before it appeared set as chief gem in the little opera-bouffe.

Spite of his position and the help of some true friends, his nationality and his bird-of-prey aspect—Parisians being the most impressionable of creatures as to first-sight likings or antipathies—prevented him making his way as a composer. Except the trifle called "Pepito" at the Varieties, nothing could win a hearing of managers—a lesson of patience to the aspiring. Had it not been for his previous successes, the cry of manifest injustice could not have been raised; but the treatment was palpably unfair. He had friends on *The Figaro*, a paper always intertwined with Government officials and fashionable life. De Morny and his circle soon obtained a theatrical license for the new seeker to wear popularity, the ring which shifts from finger to finger; and the temporary Theatre of the Bouffes was opened July 5, 1855, in the Champs Elysees. For twelve years he had been striving fruitlessly to get a piece played, while in as many days only he obtained the leave to open a playhouse. It was a favorable moment for the light, gay and trivial. The school of 1830, Hugo and Dumas, had fairly worn out the mediæval and chivalrous, and realistic comedy was growing to be a bore. Whether a deep study on the part of the vicious "Ring" about the Sphinx of the Tuileries, or the sway of fate, Paris was ripe for anything in the way of delicious music, with a bright but brazen lining. As for instruments, the guitar had been beaten out of the field by the harp, and the piano was reigning. To supersede that by imitations of banjos, tambourines, bagpipes, etc., was a desire quite to the taste of the old young men and young old men who sing "La Donna e Mabille" in their days of smoke and nights of folly. A little satire was palatable, since every man believes the wart on his nose is invisible, though he is never so delighted to spy his neighbor's evanescent pimple. So the beard of Aristophanes furnished the strings for the Offenbach lute.

The support of *The Figaro* was characteristically repaid by the opening piece of the Bouffes being Mery's "Entree Arlequin Barbier!" a parody of the immortal Jacques Strop of Seville. "The Empty Night" and "The Two Blinds," the music by the manager, employed Hortense Schneider, Mlles. Mace and Pradeary Darcier, and the noted patter-song singer Berthelier. For over five months this little band capered and caroled.

"If one of my company had fallen ill, I would have been obliged to shut up shop," says the composer.

The success was sufficient to justify a removal to the present home of the Bouffes in the Rue Choiseul. The snowball of popularity grew. The musician had to resign the reins to have time for the production of almost countless works in one, two or more acts, which are known in every city of the Americas and Europe. "Lischen and Fritzchen," "Laughing Johnny and Crying Jenny," "Dunanon and his Dad," "The Shepherds," etc. The last-named, though Jules Claretie insists on the second act being a masterpiece, fell dead, and the master had to take it to Vienna, which is an echo of Paris, sometimes Irish in its judgment, to appease his disappointed spirit.

A quarrel at the Bouffes, at the end of 1864, led to his producing "Helen the Fair" and "Blue Beard" at the Varieties; and never again was he bound as hack writer exclusively to his original nest. "The Grand Duchess" first swung the sabre of her father at this same house, while "Paris Life" suited the Palais Royal audience (no woman of respectability ever owns to having been there), with its witty pornography. At the same time its indecency was overlooked. Sardou's "Fast Family," that canstic "showing-up" of life under the Empire, was being soundly abused. A neat joke to be repeated in this piece. The bill draws on the lover of Metella by her old flame is *sung*—to make a man "sing" being French slang for levying blackmail.

"Robinson Crusoe" was a lamentable fiasco at the Opera Comique. The only success he scored in that foreign field was "The Butterfly Ball." For that Taglioni left her Venetian palace to instruct Emma Livry, the delicate-looking Jewess, whose burning by accidental firing of her skirts was attributed to the evil eye of the Emperor. The still beautiful though pallid Adelina Patti is the only one on whom that eye ever fell admiringly, they tell you in Paris greenrooms and at actress' "mornings," who escaped fatality. And this is the nineteenth century! Besides Livry, the cold but lovely Marquisa (one of the splendid girls) died young.

When, in August, 1861, the "Rossini of Actuality" was decorated with the ribbon of the Legion of Honor, a wit sarcastically said: "Pin it on a *figure*—that will be decorating his organ." He was now successful enough to be mercilessly criticised. A certain lady of high rank was accused of amusing herself in private by strumming the *cascades* of "Orpheus in the Shades," she had vigorously to uphold Wagner in public. If his music was granted to possess French *esprit*, the German sentiment was decried.

Still he was a naturalized Frenchman, and though people smiled when *The Illustrated Universe* gave away as a prize, among the masterpieces of the modern stage, "The Grand Duchess," the audience at the Varieties applauded the composer to whom they owed so many pleasant hours when he appeared in a box, and Aline Duval sang at him a complimentary verse on his own score of "La Vie Parisienne." Like Marie Antoinette, he had become so deeply French that he had forgotten his native tongue, so to say.

Two or three occurrences bespotted his vogue. The composers, Bizet and Lecocq amongst them, who contended for a prize he offered, grumbled at having been kept months in suspense for the decision. Other maladies blamed the man for having fostered no rising talent whilst he was manager. The unco'-guid called Offenbach's banquets to the actresses of his operas, who sat at table in costume—and the world knows what is considered Offenbachanal's costume!—"a public nuisance and a pub'ic evil." Accusations of plagiarism were freely advanced, but a man, however fertile, cannot pour forth so many pieces without memories of himself or others. As Fontanelle says: "Thus to compose is not to pillage."

The worst scandal was his letting appear the notorious Cora Pearl, a woman so vile that her associations with one of the Napoleon family did them all incalculable detriment. This painted and dyed woman had the insolent impudence to appear for a few nights as Cupid in "Orpheus." She could not act, sing or dance. When Mr. Ugalde, really a vocalist, began to sing, the last restraint on the audience was swept away, and the pit and gallery, workingmen and students, raised such a tumult of contemptuous denunciation that the friends of "the poor girl" were silenced, and the thing left the stage forever. She had the impertinence to reply to the mistaken kindness of a minor actress who sought to let her down easy:

"Oh, it's all very well for the likes of you! but *I* was not born to be hissed!" Upon which the little lady looked the infamous hussy in the belladonna'd eyes, and said pertinently: "But you were hissed!" Miss Pearl slunk away to her carriage with a forced smile as false as her teeth.

It has been stated that Offenbach does not let his family attend performances of his pieces. Error! They were certainly at the Gaiety to see his remodled "Genevieve de Brabant," in which was inserted a march by his precocious son, a Little Pickle who is a terror in his way.

Mention has been made of what was a defeat in Paris being turned into a consolation in Berlin or Vienna. It is so. But, HEe Auber, he thinks nothing values "Paris with its boulevards and Bois de Boulogne."

Much of his triumph is due to the subtle, witty, ingenious books written by masters of the Offenbachalsuresete: Halevy, Meilhac, Molneaux, and the like.

In criticising his music, it must always be remembered that it is essentially stagery. That piece which falls flat as your friend sings it to her own accompaniment, goes amazingly when Zulma, Boutfar, Hortense Schneider, Cico, Marie, and the rest of that starry company give it with an accomplished orchestra in support.

THE next generation will read with amazement that down to 1026 only twelve brokers of the Jewish faith were permitted to trade in London, and that whenever a vacancy occurred large sums of money, generally exceeding £1,000 sterling, were paid to the Lord Mayor of the year for the exercise of this lucrative privilege.

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RAVERLY.—The late Walter Brown was never matched with James Renforth. He was matched with Joe Sadler, but was compelled to pay forfeit, owing to a severe boil rendering him unable to row on the day, and Sadler refusing to agree to a postponement, though he was offered $50 as an inducement to do so. George Brown and Joe Sadler could not come to terms for a match, though the former made very fair offers and left a deposit in *Bell's Life* to bind the stakes.

T. P. KERNAN, Georgetown.—1. Harvard, crimson; Yale, blue; Columbia, blue and white; Cornell, carnation and white; Dartmouth, green; Wesleyan, lavender; Amherst, purple and white; Brown, brown; Williams, purple; Bowdoin, white; Hamilton, pink; Union, garnet; Trinity, green and white; Princeton, orange and black. 2. Eli James, whose address may be found in our business department, can supply you. 3. No

W. R. R., Philadelphia.—"A and B are playing six-card cribbage; B deals; A plays a 4, B pairs it, A plays a 7, and takes 2 points for the 15; B a 3, A a 6, B a 5, which makes the count 29, and for which he claims a sequence of 5 points. Each has one card left, which would make the count over 31. Never many points is B entitled to? A leaves on bets there is no sequence, as they were not played in rotation."……B is entitled to a sequence of 5, 6, 3, 7, 4, and 1 point for the "go"—2 points in all.

T. MACKAY.—The New Havens, as well as any other professional team, are eligible to enter the lists for the title of champions of the United States, but they are not eligible to enter the championship of the League Association. Should the New Havens, or any other club, defeat all the League clubs in a majority of their games together, playing ten with each, they would be champions, of course, despite any leagues or other associations' rules to the contrary. It is not probable, but it is possible.

INDIO, Cal.—1. Flora Temple never trotted twenty miles within an hour. 2. Jenny Lind came to America in the late Summer of 1850. 3. We do not remember that Rev. E. H. Chapin was ever Chaplain of Congress. 4. The Seventh and Twelfth Regiments never had a competitive drill in Washington Parade-ground. 5. The average speed of first-class steamboats in this vicinity is about nineteen miles an hour.

EMMA J. D., Melrose.—There is no disgrace in becoming an actress; but if your mother is opposed to your going on the stage, we would advise you to respect her wishes. You can become an actress without being a singer. Walking-ladies is the technical term for a line of business, and derives its title from the fact that the representatives of such characters are generally seen in walking-costume.

J. H. L., Waverly.—1. See CLIPPER ALMANAC for 1876 for Lula's trot with Goldsmith Maid. 2. J. A. Sawtelle is not managing a company at present. No one is entitled to the championship of short-distance foot-racing at the present time. 4. Ed. Moulton lives in Minneapolis, Minn. 5. It is not decided yet whether Barnum's Centennial Show will go North or not this season.

FRANK, Boston.—"Three strikes are called on a man, and he starts for first base; the catcher muffs the ball on the third strike, but recovers it and throws the runner out at first base. Is the striker out on three strikes, or by the first-baseman assisted by the catcher?".....We mark it as struck out, but add that the baseman put him out, assisted by the catcher.

BILLIARDS.—See our billiard reports this week for averages, runs, etc., and mark the distinction between regular matches and tournament games. The highest recorded average is 30, in a 300-point tournament game, which is not so good as two-thirds of that, or possibly one-half, in a 600-point game.

C. B., Phila.—"Have there ever been fourteen hundred points made in any billiard contest in America?"……You probably mean in one run. The late John McDevitt ran 1,468, 1,469, 1,470, 1,471, 1,472, 1,473, 1,474, 1,475 and 1,476 at Library Hall, Chicago, Sept. 16, 1868. Both matches were at the four-ball game.

J. A. S., Chicago.—The first club to defeat the Cincinnatis in 10 innings after the Atlantic 8 to 7 game was the Athletic, on July 27, at Philadelphia; score 11 to 7. Then the Chicago did it Sept. 7, by 10 to 6, and again Oct. 13, by 16 to 13, the Atlantic again beating them Oct. 26, by 11 to 7, at Philadelphia.

FRIENDLESS.—1. The best way for a serio-comic singer to secure an engagement would be either to apply personally to some manager or employer or the dramatic agents in this city to transact your business. 2. We are not advised as to the young lady's future movements.

A BOSTON SPORT.—Tim Collins was born Dec. 25, 1845. He beat Joe Bennett, Pickett, Jesse Hasten, Joe Sent, Irvonin, Jim Rawlins and Bill Gillman (twice in the same day); was beaten by Jerry Hawks and Bob Furze, and fought draws with Packham and Billy Edwards.

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H. M. T., Philadelphia.—1. Sexton played a championship game with Vignaux in Paris, and it was also for $500 a side. 2. All bets on that game stood, of course, and were paid. 3. As no one with a grain of sense would venture to declare such a game off, we would advise you to play it out.

S. B. M., Camargo.—Second-hand Swiss bells have been advertised for sale at various times in THE CLIPPER, and we have no doubt that an advertisement from you would procure for you all you require. They are neither made nor kept in stock in this country.

NO SIGNATURE, Detroit.—The mere agreeing to play straight-flush does not determine their worth. There is no dispute in any quarter as to the value of a straight-flush, whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the expediency of playing it. It will beat four of a kind, if played at all.

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BRIMLO, Omaha.—The hand that is dealt to the board is the one that is to be turned up at casino. That hand is the one dealt just prior to the dealer's.

JAMES FRATT, Bellefontaine.—Jim Mace defeated the party mentioned at New Orleans, La., May 10, 1870. Ten rounds were fought in 6 minutes.

A SUBSCRIBER, Watertown.—Yankee Sullivan was found dead in a cell in San Francisco, Cal., and it was reported that he had committed suicide.

BOB, Washington.—1. No. 2. The fastest walking time for one mile is 6min. 23sec., made in England. 2. Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, contains 2,991 acres.

F. P. SCHLOTT, Reading.—Address letters to C. B. Elliott, Stephen Roberts, Ingersoll & Co., and John Kyle, in our care.

JOHN CROSS, Boston.—We have not heard anything official regarding the proposed tournament, but we presume there will be something of the kind during the exhibition.

T. J. B., Brooklyn.—1. The verses would be out of place just now, under the circumstances. 2. We have a copy of that bill, thank you.

D. Z. C.—Miss Emma Marsh, a dancer, who performed in variety theatres, died in this city, Dec. 23, 1874. She was the wife of Mr. Charles Marsh, a well-known actor.

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SUBSCRIBER, Washington.—We have no official figures by which your numerous questions can be answered.

CAMPBELL W., Boston.—You could get a company by advertising in THE CLIPPER, or by applying to one of the dramatic agencies.

A FRIEND, Salem.—1. The bill sent is too much dilapidated for use. 2. A prompter can command from $25 per week upward, according to reputation and merit.

J. H. R.—Area of the Empire of Brazil, 2,900,000; of the United States, without Alaska, 2,963,666; of Texas, 237,321 sq. miles.

TURKEY.—A pistol can be carried in this State without subjecting the wearer to arrest for carrying a concealed weapon.

J. G., Benecia.—1. We do not know when he was foaled. 2. The Great Republic was burned at the foot of Dover street, this city.

C. J. P.—Which the billiard-player was in this city a few weeks ago, and may be here yet. A letter to him in our care ought to reach him.

READER, Worcester.—We were not pretending to mention every place in which Sexton has worked, nor did we propose to chronicle his every movement.

J. A. W., Baltimore.—"Does the last card give a routine for A, viz., A leads and plays four, B plays 5, A 1, A 3, B 4, and C and D play 2?" The game is cribbage." Yes.

T. B., Galveston.—Ferreis are worth $20 a pair in New York, but no one would like the risk of expressing them to Galveston.

K. AND P., Philadelphia.—The Lydia Thompson Burlesque Troupe made their first appearance in America at Wood's Museum, New York, Sept. 28, 1868.

J. E. K., Towanda.—The cricket ball is 9¼ inches in circumference, 5½ ounces in weight, and costs from three to four dollars.

O. R. Courtney.—B had no right to pass A in running round the bases. No double-play was made, and no run could be scored.

BASEBALL, Oskosh.—Under the amateur rules, no player can be put out in returning to a base on any foul ball, bound or fly.

E. M. S.—The American baseball players on their visit to England did not lose a game at cricket, though they did not win all, one or two being drawn on account of rain.

T. C., Cincinnati.—There are eight clubs in the League, four East and four West. The New Haven is not a League club.

J. E. F., Philadelphia.—1. We never heard of the company. 2. The advertisement will cost $1.65 for each insertion.

CINCINNATUS.—1. Cannot give you his address. 2. Several manufacturers of theatrical goods advertise in THE CLIPPER.

FOOKS, Jamestown.—Lotta performed the character of Fanchon in the drama of that name in Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 30, 1866.

S. R. J., Hartford.—A loser. As the Hartfords in their best inning never reached the total score of the Athletics, the latter were not beaten in one inning.

A. E. V., Chicago.—Write to *The Scientific American* office, this city, and they will send you a circular containing the information.

F. N. Jr., New Rochelle.—It is not bad for a first effort. Try again, and take your time over it; and if there is an improvement we will give it a notice.

H. AND W.—1. O'Rourke played with the Mansfield before going to Boston. 2. There was no professional club in New Haven, Ct., prior to 1875.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELER, Hamilton.—A house-carpenter could not become a situation as stage-carpenter, unless he had learned the business by first serving as an assistant.

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C. L. G.—The score of 9 to 6 is the actual one of the game, and determines the bets. All such wagers should be made in a way to bar forfeitures.

S. L. B.—No such bet, with its attending circumstance, would in all probability been made, and there is no need of a decision.

BRIMLO, Omaha.—The hand that is dealt to the board is the one that is to be turned up at casino. That hand is the one dealt just prior to the dealer's.

JAMES FRATT, Bellefontaine.—Jim Mace defeated the party mentioned at New Orleans, La., May 10, 1870. Ten rounds were fought in 6 minutes.

A SUBSCRIBER, Watertown.—Yankee Sullivan was found dead in a cell in San Francisco, Cal., and it was reported that he had committed suicide.

BOB, Washington.—1. No. 2. The fastest walking time for one mile is 6min. 23sec., made in England. 2. Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, contains 2,991 acres.

BASEBALL.

GAMES TO BE PLAYED.

May 27, Chicago vs. Hartford, at Hartford.
" 27, St. Louis vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn.
" 27, Louisville vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia.
" 27, Cincinnati vs. Boston, at Boston.
" 29, Brooklyn vs. Olympic, at Paterson, N. J.
" 29, Chatham vs. Calaract, at Hoboken, N. J.
" 29, Cincinnati vs. Lowell, at Lowell, Mass.
" 29, Arlington vs. Star, at Newark, N. J.
" 24, Live Oak vs. King Philip, at Lynn, Mass.
" 26, Chelsea vs. Princeton College, at Princeton, N. J.
" 26, Philadelphia vs. Eureka, at Camden, N. J.
" 26, Athletic vs. Kleinz, at Philadelphia.
" 26, Chicago vs. Hartford, at Hartford.
" 26, St. Louis vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn.
" 26, Louisville vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia.
" 26, Cincinnati vs. Boston, at Boston.
" 26, Alaska vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn.
" 25, Lowell vs. Resolute, at Portland, Me.
" 25, St. Cloud vs. Osceola, at Orange, N. J.
" 26, Brooklyn vs. Chelsea, at Brooklyn.
" 26, Chatham vs. Olympic, at Hoboken.
" 26, Lowell vs. Androscoggin, at Lewiston, Me.
" 26, Maple Leaf of Guelph, Ont., vs. Mutual, at Jackson, Mich.
" 27, Chicago vs. Hartford, at Hartford.
" 27, St. Louis vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn.
" 27, Louisville vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia.
" 27, Cincinnati vs. Boston, at Boston.
" 27, Nameless vs. Alaska, at Brooklyn.
" 27, St. Cloud vs. Stevens' Institute, at Hoboken.
" 27, Lowell vs. Bates' College, Lewiston, Me.
" 27, Athletic vs. Philadelphia, at Philadelphia.
" 29, Chelsea vs. Olympic, at Paterson, N. J.
" 30, Harvard vs. Live Oak, at Lynn.
" 30, Alaska vs. Chatham, at Hoboken.
" 30, Arlington vs. Resolute, at Elizabeth, N. J.
" 30, St. Cloud vs. Staten Island, at Staten Island.

WEST vs. EAST.

This week the first meetings between the clubs of the West and East of the League Association take place, and the promise is that until June 20 our baseball columns will be crowded with interesting news of the contests. The schedule of games laid down by the Western clubs is an excellent one, that provides for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of each week the regular days for League club championship contests. Singularly enough, the drawing by lot assigned to the Chicago Club the duty of meeting the Hartfords first on the Eastern tour, thus bringing the nines that head the record in both sections together the first day of the meeting. Cincinnati, too, first meets the Boston Reds—veterans against veterans—on the first day, while the Philadelphia element of the Louisville nine will face their city rivals, the Athletics, and the Atlantics the St. Louis Browns will join issue with their old opponents the Mutuals. It could not have been better arranged if specially ordered.

Tuesday, the day after THE CLIPPER goes to press, the grand fight will commence, and for the first time in the history of professional play we find the two great sections of the baseball portion of the country fairly matched, four against four—Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville and Cincinnati vs. Hartford, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Boston—with the side issue of a trial of skill between the New Haven Club and all four of the Western nines; and this, by the way, will not be the least interesting of the series of contests, inasmuch as this self-same New Haven nine has twice defeated Hartford—something none of the League clubs have as yet done—and also has recorded victories over the Boston and Athletic nines, the Mutuals being the only team that have defeated the Yale ball tossers. May 23 will, therefore, see four exciting contests between the East and t'ie West, viz., Chicago vs. Hartford, at Hartford; St. Louis vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn; Louisville vs. Athletic, at Philadelphia; and Cincinnati vs. Boston, at Boston. In the latter encounter there will be Gould and Sweasy against George Wright and Leonard of the old Reds of 1869, and for the first time in the history of the game the veteran Dick McBride will play with another club than his old love, the Athletics.

The past week's play, marked as it has been by several closely-contested games with single-figure scores, was nevertheless not up to the high standard of the previous week. Among the games played in the arena since our last which were marked by single-figure scores are:

May 15, Hartford vs. New Haven, at Hartford . . . 7 to 1
" 16, Chicago vs. Louisville, at Chicago . . . 4 " 3
" 16, Hartford vs. Athletic, at Hartford . . . 8 " 3
" 17, Hartford vs. Boston, at Boston . . . 9 " 3
" 18, Louisville vs. Cincinnati, at Louisville . . . 9 " 3
" 19, St. Louis vs. Chicago, at Chicago . . . 4 " 1
" 20, Louisville vs. Cincinnati, at Louisville . . . 5 " 3
" 20, Hartford vs. New Haven, at New Haven . . . 6 " 5
" 20, Chicago vs. St. Louis, at Chicago . . . 6 " 2
" 20, Boston vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn . . . 2 " 1

Record of the League pennant contests up to May 20, inclusive:

	Athletic.	Boston.	Chicago.	Cincinnati.	Hartford.	Louisville.	Mutual.	St. Louis.	Won.
Athletic		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Boston	3		1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Chicago	0	0		0	0	0	2	0	2
Cincinnati	0	0	0		0	0	1	0	1
Hartford	4	3	0	0		0	1	0	8
Louisville	1	0	0	0	0		0	0	1
Mutual	1	1	0	0	1	0		0	3
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	2	0	3		5
Games Lost	8	5	2	1	9	0	8	0	35

A summary of the above places the clubs in the following relative positions:

CLUBS.	PLAYED.	WON.	LOST.	CLUBS.	PLAYED.	WON.	LOST.
Chicago	12	10	2	Athletic	12	4	8
Hartford	10	9	1	Mutual	11	3	8
St. Louis	12	7	5	Cincinnati	12	3	9
Boston	11	6	5				
Louisville	12	4	8		92	46	46

MUTUAL vs. BOSTON.

These clubs played their fourth game together on May 20 on the Union Grounds, Brooklyn, N. Y., in the presence of the smallest assemblage which has greeted the two nines this year, the cause of the falling-off being the absence of the disabled players Mathews and Hicks from the Mutual nine, and the almost certainty of the Bostons winning, the betting being at two to one in their favor with few takers. The Mutuals have been unlucky thus far this season in having prominent players disabled just as they had important engagements to fulfill. This cost two defeats in Philadelphia, one in Hartford, one in Boston and one in Brooklyn, and more. They will also be caught in bad form to do justice to themselves in the coming contests with the Western nines. Nevertheless, crippled as they are, it will be no easy task to win a win from them, as the Bostons found out this season. For this match the Mutuals borrowed the pitcher and catcher of the Brooklyn professional nine, Larkin and Valentine, and they found the former to be a very effective player in the position, the Bostons being able to earn a single run only from his delivery, and to score but nine first-base hits; but for the ease with which they ran bases on the catcher—who is not an effective thrower—the Bostons would have had trouble to escape defeat. They obtained a good start of the Mutuals at the end of the third inning had a winning lead in their hands of 4 to 0.

After that the Mutuals had the best of it, scoring in four innings to one by the Bostons; but the former failed to recover the ground gained by the Bostons in the early part of the contest, the result was defeat by 7 to 4. The Bostons showed up in good form in the field, every position being well played, George Wright fielding up to his highest mark. In the eighth inning he "brought down the house" by a wonderful one hand running catch back of third base. He captured nine players, seven by admirable assistance. Leonard's play at second was excellent, as was that of Murnan at first and Schafer at third, while Morrill acquitted himself in handsome style behind the bat. He is a decided acquisition. Borden proved to be effective, as he was very irregular, and tried the catcher exceedingly. He has yet much to learn in the position. The outfield was not well played as a general thing. But one ball was caught there and three errors made. More judgment in the outfield positions would be advisable. Manning is not in place there, as he cannot throw in, or did not in this game. Larkin was finely supported by the Mutual field as a general thing, especially so by Nichols at third base, Start at first, and Hallman at short, the latter making some fine pick-ups. He is very quick and active, and rarely throws out of reach. Craver led at the bat on one side and Manning on the other. When the Bostons have McBride in the pitcher's position things will be different. Then the rest of the nine will play with more confidence.

MUTUAL.	T.B.	R.	P.O.	A.	E.	BOSTON.	T.B.	R.	P.O.	A.	E.
H'dsw'th, c. f.	5	0	0	0	0	Wright, s. s.	5	2	1	2	0
Start, 1st b.	1	1	16	1	0	Leonard, 2b.	5	1	2	4	0
Treacy, l. f.	4	0	0	2	0	O'Rourke, of	4	3	1	0	0
Hallinan, s. s	4	0	1	0	8	Murnan, 1b.	4	1	1	10	0
Craver, 2d b.	4	2	2	2	1	Schafer, 3b.	4	1	2	1	0
Larkin, p.	4	0	0	0	2	Manning, r. f.	4	0	2	1	0
Booth, r. f.	4	1	1	0	0	Morrill, c.	5	0	1	4	1
Nichols, 3d b.	4	0	0	1	2	Whitney, l. f.	4	0	1	0	0
Valentine, c.	3	0	0	2	0	Borden, p.	4	0	1	0	1
Totals	37	4	6	27	15	9	Totals	39	7	9	27	15	6

Mutual	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1—4
Boston	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1—4

Runs earned—Mutual, 1; Boston, 1. First-base by errors—Mutual, 3; Boston, 3. Balls called—On Borden, 25; on Larkin, 18. Strikes called—From Borden, 19; from Larkin, 19. Foul tips called—From Borden, 19; from Larkin, 15. Umpire, Mr. Martin of the old Mutual Club. Time, 2h. 5m.

STAR vs. BUCKEYE.

The Buckeyes of Columbus, O., went down to Covington, Ky., May 13, to play the Stars. A correspondent says: "On the first half of the ninth inning, while the Stars were at the bat, and when the score stood three to two in favor of the visitors, the umpire gave three men in succession bases on called balls. A foul ball was then batted, which the umpire decided fair, and the three men came in. The Bucks didn't like it, but still continued to play until the umpire decided a man not out on third base who had been touched four feet from the base, when they left the field. Pools sold in Cincinnati the night before the game at 50 to 20, and bets at evens were made that the Bucks would be beaten in one inning."

BUCKEYE.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.		STAR.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.
Burke, s. s.	0	1	1	4		Streif, 2d b.	1	0	0	4
Martin, 2d b	0	0	5	4		Houtz, l. f.	0	0	10	4
Dodds, r. f.	1	2	1	0		Mcsorley, p.	1	2	0	0
Foran, l. f.	1	2	16			Shaw, 3d b.	0	0	0	5
Barnie, c.	1	0	3			Tennison, c. f.	0	1	1	4
Cummings, s. s.	0	0	1	3		Gumbart, 1st b.	1	1	10	0
Nolan, p.	0	0	0	4		Golden, 1st b	0	0	2	4
Mansell, l. f.	0	0	1	4		Miller, r. f.	1	1	3	4
West, c. f.	0	0	2	4		Flint, c. f.	1	1	6	0
Totals	4	6	24	36		Totals	5	5	24	37

Buckeye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0
Star	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3—5

Umpire, Mr. Riley, formerly of the Western B. B. C. of Keokuk, Iowa.

LOUISVILLE vs. CINCINNATI.

The Porkopolitan Reds again came to grief on the 18th inst., their conquerors being the Louisville Club, upon whose grounds the contest came off. The feature of the game was a one-hand catch, taken very low down, by Snyder.

LOUISVILLE.	T. B.	R.	P.O.	A.	E.	LOUISVILLE.	T. B.	R.	P.O.	A.	E.
Gould, 1st b.	4	2	5	0	0	Hastings, c. f.	5	2	0	0	0
Rook, c.	4	0	1	2	4	Hague, 2d b.	4	1	0	2	4
Jones, c. f.	4	1	0	0	0	Devlin, p.	4	1	2	4	0
Pearson, p.	4	0	6	2	0	Gerhardt, 1st b.	4	2	13	0	1
Snyder, l. f.	4	1	4	0	1	Somerville, 2d b	4	0	2	2	0
Sweasey, 3d b.	4	0	2	3	0	Fulmer, 3d b.	4	0	2	2	0
Kessler, s. s.	3	0	0	0	0	Chapman, r. f.	4	2	0	1	0
Foley, 3d b.	3	2	2	0	0	Ryan, l. f.	4	1	0	0	0
Fisher, r. f.	3	0	2	0	0	Snyder, c.	4	0	7	1	0
Totals	33	8	27	7	5	Totals	38	12	27	14	5

Louisville	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	1	0—8
Cincinnati	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0—3

Runs earned—Cincinnati, 3; Louisville, 6. Umpire, Henry Doan. Time, 2h. 10m.

RESHANNOCK vs. ACTIVE.

The Active Club of Reading, Pa., now on a tour, were at Newcastle on May 19, when they met the Neshannocks, and had to retire from the field a beaten nine.

NESHANNOCK.	R.	I.B.	P.	A.	E.	ACTIVE.	R.	I.B.	P.	A.
Dickson, 1st b.	0	2	1			James, c. f.	1	2	0	
Cramer, s. s.	0	1	0			Goodman, 1st b.	2	2	0	
Fink, r. f.	0	0	0			Heifert, s. s.	0	1	0	
Ellis, 2d b.	0	0	0			Lovett, p.	0	0	1	
Williamson, 3d b.	0	2	1			Hessler, 2d b.	0	1	0	
McBride, c. f.	0	0	0			Goodman, c.	1	0	9	
Morris, p.	0	1	1			Dillon, l. f.	0	1	0	
Bennett, c.	0	0	2			Stout, 3d b.	0	0	0	
O'Neill, l. f.	0	0	1			Warren, r. f.	0	0	1	
Totals	0	6	7			Totals	4	6	8	

Neshannock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0
Active	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1—4

Umpire, John A. Wilson of Franklin, Pa. Scorers, W. N. McGuffin and W. W. Wonder. Time, 2h.

HARTFORD vs. NEW HAVEN.

Nearly two thousand persons assembled to see these Nutmeg State nines do battle at New Haven, Ct., on Saturday afternoon, May 13, and for the first time in which they have engaged this season, each club having taken two of the series. The play was fine on both sides, and so even throughout as to make the contest exceedingly interesting. When the ninth inning was entered upon, the Elm City team were one to the good, but here they were blanked, and, the Hartfords securing two on singles by Bond, Burdock and Higham, assisted by an error of Start's, they won by a single run.

HARTFORD.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.		NEW HAVEN.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.
Burdock, 2d b.	0	1	3	2	2	Fleet, 2d b.	0	2	4	4	3
Remsen, c. f.	0	1	3	0	0	Wells, r. f.	0	1	1	3	0
Higham, 1st b.	1	2	10	0	1	Fabor, l. f.	0	0	1	0	1
Harbidge, c.	1	2	7	0	1	Cassidy, 1st b.	1	0	14	2	0
Carey, s. s.	0	1	0	2	2	Seward, s. s.	0	1	1	0	5
Cummings, p.	0	0	0	1	0	Spence, 3d b.	0	1	1	1	0
York, l. f.	0	0	5	0	0	Wright, s. s.	0	0	0	4	0
Mills, 1st b.	0	1	6	1	0	Nichols, p.	0	1	2	1	4
Bond, 3d b.	1	2	3	4	0	McGee, c. f.	0	1	3	0	0
Totals	3	10	27	10	5	Totals	1	7	27	15	5

Hartford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1—3
New Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1

Runs earned—Hartford, 2; New Haven, 1. First base on errors—Hartford, 4; New Haven, 4. Umpire, A. D. Ayres of New Haven. Time, 1h. 36m.

BROOKLYN vs. ALASKA AND CHELSEA.

There is a club in Brooklyn called the Brooklyn, which has the manliness to come out openly as a professional nine, though they have as much reason to claim to be amateurs as any of the so-called amateur clubs have who go in with a sharing gate money. This new club have a strong team, and last week they brought themselves prominently before the public by defeating the strong nine of the New York Alaskas, and the champion team of the Chelsea. The first game was played May 15, and the second on May 17, and both proved to be exciting contests. The Alaskas lost their game after they had had it in their hands, the Brooklyns showing good rallying powers. The Alaskas have a strong nine and a very plucky little catcher. Their pitcher, however, does not deliver legally, inasmuch as his hand in delivery does not pass below the line of his hip, but generally level with it, and sometimes above. The Brooklyn pitcher is very effective, and he is well supported. We append the scores of both games:

ALASKA.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.	BROOKLYN.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Harvey, r. f.	0	0	1	0	1	Callahan, l. f.	1	2	5	0	1
Quirity, c.	1	0	3	0	3	Dugy, 3d b.	1	1	1	6	1
Hankleare, r. f.	0	0	1	0	0	Hall, c.	2	3	4	3	1
Sullivan, l. f.	1	2	0	1	1	Brenhan, s. s.	2	0	0	0	1
Wadsworth, s.s.	2	0	2	5	1	Dooley, 2d b.	1	2	2	3	7
Korks, 1st b.	0	0	9	1	0	Peterson, s. s.	0	2	2	2	1
Rice, 1st b.	0	0	17	0	4	Gormley, c.	0	0	9	2	1
Dunnigan, 2d b.	1	0	2	5	1	Nolan, 1st b.	1	1	11	0	2
Clayton, 3d b.	0	0	1	3	1	Stoddard, r. f.	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	6	3	20	15	13	Totals	7	9	30	12	24

Alaska	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	0—6
Brooklyn	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	1	0—7

First base by errors—Alaska, 5; Brooklyn, 7. Umpire, Mr. Hodges. Time, 2h.

BROOKLYN.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.	CHELSEA.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Callahan, l. f.	0	0	4	0	1	Hayes, r. f.	0	0	3	0	0
Dugy, 3d b.	0	1	3	5	0	Clare, c.	0	1	10	2	0
Hall, c.	2	3	4	5	1	Clare, c.	0	0	9	2	0
Tipper, l. f.	0	0	4	0	0	Cassidy, c. f.	1	1	1	0	0
Brenhan, s. s.	0	0	0	0	0	Rule, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Hawkes, 2d b.	1	1	2	2	1	Hourigan, l. f.	1	2	0	0	1
Caskins, c. f.	0	1	0	1	1	Grant, 2d b.	0	1	2	3	1
Cogswell, 1 f.	0	0	1	0	0	Huse, p.	2	2	1	2	1
Shatiuck, 1st b.	1	2	11	0	3	Parker, s. s.	1	0	4	0	1
Wilson, p.	1	1	0	4	1						
Totals	5	11	16	27	17	10	Totals	5	7	10	27	15	5

Brooklyn	0	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	0—7
Chelsea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0

Runs earned—Brooklyn, 3; Chelsea, 1. First base by errors—Brooklyn, 2; Chelsea, 1. Total base-hits—Brooklyn, 20; Chelsea, 11. Umpire, Mr. Barlow of the Frontier Club. Time, 1h. 55m.

The Brooklyns belong to the National Professional Association, and have their headquarters at the Capitoline Grounds; and on their match days the charge for admission is twenty-five cents, being but fifteen on other occasions.

CHICAGO vs. ST. LOUIS.

The Brown Stockings of the Mound City went to Chicago, Ill., on the 20th inst., and their afternoon amusement with the Whites, by whom they were beaten.

CHICAGO.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.	ST. LOUIS.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Barnes, 2d b.	1	0	1	4	0	Cuthbert, l. f.	0	1	0	0	0
Anson, 1b.	0	0	8	0	0	Allison, c.	0	0	4	1	0
McVey, 1st b.	1	0	12	1	0	McGeary, 2d b.	2	1	1	4	1
Hines, c. f.	0	1	1	0	0	Pike, c. f.	0	0	3	0	0
Spalding, p.	1	1	0	3	0	McAtee, 3d b.	0	0	1	2	0
McAdams, p.	0	0	0	0	1	Towns, 3d b.	0	0	2	3	2
Elliston, r. f.	1	1	0	1	0	Winne, 1st b.	0	0	17	1	0
Austin, c. f.	1	2	0	0	1	Jones, r. f.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	5	22	9	2	Totals	3	2	27	11	3

Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0—4
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1—3

Runs earned—Chicago, 2; St. Louis, 1. Total bases on hits—Chicago, 8; St. Louis, 3. Bases on errors—Chicago, 6; St. Louis, 4. Left on bases—Chicago, 6; St. Louis, 4. Bases on called balls—Chicago, 2; St. Louis, 1. Umpire, Joe Simmonds of St. Louis. Time, 2h.

LIVE OAK vs. BROWN.

A game between the Live Oaks of Lynn, Mass., and the nine representing Brown University of Providence, R. I., on the former's grounds, May 20, was witnessed by a large crowd. It was distinguished by hard hitting on the part of both clubs, while in fielding the college-boys excelled, though Tipper did as finely in this respect as the best (Tyler) on the other side. Features of the game were a long throw by Cross, at right field, to home, securing a fine double play; a running fly-catch by Tipper; and a hit over the right-field fence by Stevens, which yielded a home-run. In the third inning the Browns changed positions, Salisbury going to second, Cross to right, and Comstock behind the bat. They were changed in the fifth, Hall going to third, Stevens to first, and Gordon short, and Cogswell caught. The game was one of the most interesting played on the grounds this year.

LIVE OAK.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.	B. UNIVERSITY.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Gordon, 2d b.	0	1	1	6	1	Nickerson, 1st b	0	1	10	1	1
Hall, c.	2	3	4	5	1	Salisbury, r. f.	0	0	5	0	2
Tipper, l. f.	0	0	4	0	0	Tyler, l. f.	0	0	3	0	0
Stevens, 1st b.	1	1	9	0	0	Comstock, 2d b.	0	0	3	3	0
Hawkes, 2d b.	1	1	2	2	1	Lee, 3d b.	0	0	1	2	3
Caskins, c. f.	0	1	0	1	1	Gridin, c. f.	0	1	1	0	0
Cogswell, c.	0	1	0	1	1	Cross, c.	0	1	3	1	1
Shatiuck, 1st b.	1	2	11	0	3	Huse, p.	2	2	1	2	1
Wilson, p.	1	1	0	4	1	Parker, s. s.	1	0	0	4	1
Totals	6	11	35	19	9	Totals	4	6	27	13	9

Live Oak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0
Brown University	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0—4

Total bases—Live Oak, 20; Brown, 12. Double-play—Brown, 1. Home run—Stevens, 1. Umpire, G. W. Dow of Brown University. Time, 2h. 10m.

OLYMPIC vs. HOWARD NINE.

The Olympic nine of San Francisco, Cal., opened their season of 1876 on Wednesday, May 3, in that city, by defeating their old opponents, the Howards, by 11 to 6. Numerous accessions having taken place from the Olympic Club, the vacancies were very effectively filled by recruits from the disbanded Eureka. Although they have lost Taylor, their pitcher, they have secured an equally good one in McAdams, and George White is acknowledged to be fully equal to Rufus Coe of last season, as shortstop. The nine engaged is as follows: Tracy, c. (1875); McAdams, p.; Hall, 1st b.; Crane, 2d b. (1875); White, s. s.; Carey, 3d b.; Smith, l. f. (1875); Austin, c. f. (1875); and Elliston, r. f., with Saunders and Pinkham, subs.

OLYMPIC.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.	HOWARD.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.
White, s. s.	2	3	3	1	4	Leslie, 2d b.	1	1	5	5	2
Crane, 2d b.	2	2	4	0	2	Pike, p.	2	1	1	0	0
Smith, l. f.	1	3	1	2	2	Dixon, c.	1	1	4	1	1
Carey, 3d b.	0	0	1	2	1	Gilmore, s. f.	0	0	0	1	4
Hicks, c.	1	2	10	3	2	Hardy, s. s.	2	2	1	0	2
Hall, 1st b.	1	1	7	0	0	McAtee, 1 f.	0	0	1	0	0
McAdams, p.	1	4	5	0	0	Towns, 3d b.	0	0	2	3	2
Elliston, r. f.	1	1	0	1	2	Winne, 1st b.	0	0	1	7	1
Austin, c. f.	1	4	2	0	0	Jones, r. f.	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	16	27	9	14	Totals	6	9	27	14	13

Olympic	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	5	0—11
Howard	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3—6

Umpire, Thos. H. Holdon. Time, 2h. 10m.

NASSAU vs. PARK.

The reorganized Nassau Club of Brooklyn has got together a strong nine, and on May 16 they played the Prospect Park nine, with the appended result:

NASSAU.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.	PARK.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Bunce, 1st b.	0	1	13	0	1	Randle, c.	0	0	5	0	0
Connelly, l. f.	1	1	1	0	0	Dunn, p.	0	2	2	5	0
Britt, p.	3	2	1	2	0	Hibbin, l. f.	1	2	1	0	3
Edler, r.	2	2	2	0	0	Martin, 2d b.	2	2	3	1	2
Pike, 3d b.	1	1	2	2	2	Casey, c.	0	0	11	4	0
Redmayne, 3d b	0	0	5	6	0	Kelly, r. f.	1	0	1	1	0
Thompson, c.	0	0	0	5	0	Crane, 3d b.	0	0	1	2	1
Frenning, c. f.	0	0	2	0	0	McCormick, s. s	1	0	2	0	1
West, s. s.	1	0	0	2	0	Smith, 1st b.	1	1	9	0	5
Totals	8	7	30	18	5	Totals	7	8	30	11	10

Nassau	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	3—8
Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0—3

Runs earned—Nassau, 1; Park, 1. First base by errors—Nassau, 10; Park, 5. Umpire, Mr. Marks. Time, 2h. 10m.

ARLINGTON vs. OLYMPIC.

Although short three of their regular nine, the Arlingtons of this city defeated the Olympics of Paterson, N. J., on the latter's grounds, May 19.

OLYMPIC.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.	ARLINGTON.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Dolan, s. s.	1	1	1	2		Fallon, p.	3	2	1	2	
Titus, r. f.	0	0	1	0		Ryan, r. f.	0	0	1	0	
La Swarenge, 3d b	1	0	1	3		Loughlin, 2d b.	2	2	5	1	
J. Mullen, 1st b.	1	1	10	1		Isherwood, 1st b.	1	0	10	0	
Allis, c.	0	0	7	2		Burns, c. f.	1	1	1	0	
McCracken, l. f.	0	1	3	1		Buchanan, c.	0	2	5	5	
Mullen, 2d b.	2	2	2	0		J. Tracey, s. s.	0	1	5	3	
Walters, p.	0	1	1	3		Barton, r. f.	0	1	0	2	
Kelly, c. f.	1	2	2	1		Russell, 3d b.	0	0	1	2	
Totals	6	8	27	13	3	Totals	7	10	30	15	2

Olympic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0—6
Arlington	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0—7

First base by errors of opponents—Olympic, 8 times; Arlington, 6 times. Umpire, Mr. Quilty of the Alaska Club. Time, 2h. 20m.

OSCEOLA vs. PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

A very interesting game was contested by the above nines at Prospect Park, Brooklyn, N. Y., May 20. During the first eight innings the contest was of an exciting nature, the Osceolas having scored but four runs against half

THE AGED STRANGER.

An Agonizing Incident of the War.

AN OLD STORY RESURRECTED BY REQUEST.

"I was with Grant," the stranger said.
Said the farmer, "Say no more,
But rest thee here at my cottage porch,
For thy feet are weary and sore."

"I was with Grant," the stranger said:
Said the farmer, "Nay, no more—
I prithee sit at my frugal board,
And eat of my humble store.

"How fares my boy—my soldier boy
Of the Old Ninth Army Corps?
I warrant he bore him gallantly
In the smoke and battle's roar!"

"I know him not," said the aged man,
"And, as I remarked before,
I was with Grant"—"Nay, nay, I know,"
Said the farmer; "Say no more.

"He fell in battle—I see, alas!
Thou'dst smooth these tidings o'er—
Nay; speak the truth, whatever it be,
Though it rend my bosom's core.

"How fell he—with his face to the foe,
Upholding the flag he bore?
O ear not that my boy disgraced
The uniform he wore!"

"I cannot tell," said the aged man,
"And should have remarked before,
That I was with Grant—in Illinois,
Three years before the war."

Then the farmer spake him never a word,
But beat with his fist full sore
That aged man who had worked for Grant
Three years before the war!

"BUSKING."

MY UNCLE'S STORY.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY GERARD BYNE.

I was seated with my uncle in his smoking-room one night, taking a glass of hot-whiskey punch and smoking a cigar, and had been telling him of the trials of a poor actor who had but recently departed this life, when he startled me by saying:

"I understand, and can thoroughly appreciate his sorrows; I was in the profession once myself."

"You, uncle?" I said. He was seated before me—an elderly man—a quiet, unassuming, practical kind of person, and not in any minute particular resembling our ideal of an actor. I knew he had been a soldier, a gold-digger and a sailor, in the time long ago, before my grandfather died and left him an income that enabled him to live independent of work for the remainder of his days. I could fancy him a soldier, a sailor, or a gold-digger, but an *actor!* If my uncle had informed me that at one period of his life he had taken a trip around the moon, I should not have been more surprised. I gazed at him in utter astonishment.

He was looking into the fire with dreamy eyes, his thoughts evidently wandering back to scenes of the past. I recalled him to a sense of the present by touching him on the arm and exclaiming:

"Is it possible, uncle, I understood aright? Did you say *you* had been a member of the theatrical profession?"

"I did, my boy," my uncle replied; "and when I said so I told the truth. I have been a manager; I have played light comedy and low comedy; I have played old man and juvenile; I have been an Ethiopian delineator; and, moreover, I have been a *busker*—which, being translated for your benefit, signifies a man who, banjo in hand, strolls around the street, singing in saloons or on the sidewalk, and gathering from those who listen to his songs whatever they may please to give him."

"And where did all this happen, uncle?" I asked.

"In Australia, boy," he answered—"in Australia, when I was glad to do anything I could to get a meal. I like to recall those times, too—it does me good, and makes me more thankful for the ease I now enjoy. It was thinking, when you spoke to me, of a girl I met out there, poor—young—thing——"

My uncle was wandering off into dreamland again, but I brought him back with:

"Won't you tell me about it, uncle?"

"Certainly, my boy," he replied; "certainly, if you promise not to fall asleep."

I gave the required promise, we refilled our glasses, my uncle lit a fresh cigar, settled himself down into his armchair, and commenced as follows:

"It's some time ago now of course—I had been in Australia about two years. I ran away from my ship (aboard which my poor old father had apprenticed me), dazzled by the glowing descriptions of the gold-fields. I found that, however, I was born late, for nuggets of gold were not to be picked up by the roadside, as I had been led to believe. I tried all sorts of things by which to earn a living, and finally (always having a taste for music) I managed to get an opening in Sydney at a small beer-house, to sing three or four songs an evening for the salary of fifteen shillings (£4) per week. From that I contrived to get better engagements, and sometimes I was up and sometimes I was down. Wha. I am going to tell you of now is when I was down—dead-broke I called it then. No matter how I came to be so—youth will have its day, and the salaries I had made by acting had passed into other hands. Suffice it for me to say, I was one morning in Melbourne with a fearful headache, the happy or unhappy possessor of exactly two bob (fifty cents), and no engagements ahead. What was I to do? I took up my banjo (which, by-the-bye, I used to play a good deal on aboard ship, and which I had kept by me through all my troubles), struck a few chords, and the answer came almost unbidden—busk. Yes, I would busk—where? was the next question. I could not do it in Melbourne, where I was known. I was not proud, by any means, but I did not like the idea of that. Another chord on my banjo, and answer No. 2 came as if by inspiration. In three days the races were to be held at Ballarat; the race-course was my resort. The thought in my mind to walk did not dishearten me in the least, as I had been on the tramp many a time before, and had my blanket and *billy* (an article always carried in the Australian bush, made of tin and answering the double purpose of saucepan and teakettle) in a corner of the room. These I gathered together, rolled up a blue striped nigger suit I had by me in my blanket, and my swag (as the Australian denominates his baggage) was complete. I strapped it on my back, threw my banjo, gun-fashion, over my shoulder, and in half an hour was jogging along the road to Ballarat, with a heart as light as air. I walked on to the next village, ten miles from Melbourne, before I made a halt; there I entered a grocer's, and out of my slender purse invested in tea, sugar and a loaf of bread; and, having added them to my swag, started off again. This time I walked about three miles, and then, diverging a little from the road, near a brook, I collected some leaves and sticks, made a fire, filled my 'billy' from the stream, put it on the fire, and threw myself upon the ground to await the boiling. I was soon stretched at full length watching the smoke curl upwards from my pipe until it was lost to view, my thoughts far away across the sea, when my ear caught the sound of voices—one of a man speaking as if in anger; the other that of a girl pleading. The first words I heard distinctly were spoken by the man.

"'You're always grumblin', you are,' he said. 'Yer don't earn yer bread and butter; I only keep yer with us out of charity, and you know it.'

"'I wish you would not keep me with you,' was the half-sobbing, half-petulant rejoinder. 'Send me back to those from whom you stole me, and——'

"'Silence,' roared the man, 'or I'll——'

"This was followed by a half-scream. I sprang to my feet, and, looking through the trees into the road, saw a picture I shall never forget. Against the bank shrinkingly leant a young girl, beautiful in every sense of the word, though pale as a marble statue, her clothes better than rags, and her feet but poorly protected from the stones by the worn-out shoes that encased them. Over her stood a man—or rather a fiend, for so he looked to me—his arm uplifted about to strike the helpless, crouching form beneath him, while between them was a lad not more than sixteen years of age attempting to avert the threatened blow, with words of entreaty poured from his lips. The man dropped his arm with an angry oath, saying:

"'Well, I'll let 'er off this time; but she'd better keep that tongue of 'ern between 'er teeth, or I'll cut it out for 'er.'

"With this he moved on. My first impulse was to spring into the road and lick that man till he couldn't stand; my second was to aid the youth in soothing the poor girl, who was now weeping bitterly; my third and best was to let them pass unnoticed, and afterwards catch up to them, get into conversation, and thus find out the meaning of the words: 'Send me to those from whom you stole me.' I felt there was some mystery, some wrong which I might adjust, and I determined on the spot that it I could assist those two poor children (they were not much more), I would.

"So I returned to my fire, found my 'billy' boiling like fury, put in my tea, and in less than no time I had satisfied the inner man with a strong cup of congou and half a pound of bread, and in a few minutes more was trudging away, pipe in mouth, after the mysterious trio. I suppose I walked about a mile and a half before I caught sight of them, and when I did they were a pretty good distance ahead—it is wonderful how far people can get, if you only stay behind a few minutes and want to catch up with them—but, ah! However, I found that I gained upon them rapidly, and as I got closer I had leisure to study their appearances. I saw, by the swag the man carried, that they were on the same errand as myself, for here and there, peeping from out his blanket, I could see the rim of a tambourine, a spangled belt, etc. The boy also carried two pair of long stilts, on which, I presumed, he and the girl danced. I could see, moreover, that the latter was very tired, and that the man continually turned back and swore at her for her d—d indolence, as he called it. I was not long in gaining the side of the boy and girl, and as I came up with them I saluted them in my cheeriest voice with:

"'Good-evening to you.'

"They both answered, trying hard to smile, and I passed on to the man. It is customary in Australia to speak a few words with everyone you meet on the road—that is, in the country. I mention this to show that my joining the trio in their walk was nothing out of the common way, or likely to arouse suspicion in the man. He received me very agreeably, and we had quite a long chat, during which he informed me that 'e was a-going to the races and 'oped to make some money, for times was hawful 'ard. I assented to this, and told him as well as I knew to be a pack of lies, about the boy and girl—'is adopted children,' as he called them; but this I was determined to find out all about from themselves.

"The evening was now closing round us, and the next village not more than two miles distant. I learnt from the man that he intended to camp a short distance from the township, and should most likely be in during the evening to get some meat for breakfast. I summoned up my most friendly voice and said:

"'Then we will have a glass of beer together.'

"At the same time I stopped, under the pretense of lighting my pipe, and as the other two came up by my side I whispered to the boy:

"'Come into the township to-night, if possible. Make some excuse. I want to see you. Don't forget.'

"He cast a quick, suspicious glance at me, seemed satisfied I was not a rogue, and whispered: 'All right.' The man turned round, threw my lucifer away, wished me good-night, and left us half an hour was on the outskirts of the township. Here I lit a small fire, burnt my corks (I omitted to say I had brought some with me), mixed them in the lid of my 'billy' with some cold tea, blacked my face and hands, and, after changing my walking-clothes for the long-tailed nigger suit, I again rolled up my swag, tinued my banjo and entered the township. I made for the quietest-looking shanty (beer saloon) I could find, took a pint of colonial ale, told the landlord I should want a bed, left my swag in his charge, and sallied forth to try my luck at busking, and I can tell you I made quite a sensation as I walked through the streets striking an occasional chord. At last I thought I had gained enough attention, so I struck up with 'Marching through Georgia,' and before I had finished the second verse I had quite a large audience, and at the end had a good round of applause. I thought, however, I had better give them another song before I made my collection; so at it I went again, this time giving them 'The Hungry Army.' That over, I went round hat in hand, and they gave their donations liberally, I can tell you—half crowns, two-shilling pieces, sixpences and shillings dropped into that old hat with a sound that it did my ears good to listen to. Four or five young fellows then took me into a shanty and stood me beer, made me sing more songs for them, got up another collection for me, and in about three hours, when I returned to my own little public-house, I found I possessed £2 2s. 6d. (about twelve dollars and sixty-five cents). This was quite a little fortune to me at that time, and I was the more pleased as I felt that it would enable me to be of some service to my quondam protegee. After counting over my cash I went into the back yard, had a good wash-off at the pump, went to my room, resumed my walking-suit, lit my pipe, and strolled down into the bar. Here I ordered supper, and then lounged to the door, wondering what would be the end of the vagabond sort of life I was then leading. I had not stood there above five minutes when I felt a touch upon my right arm. I turned round and saw the pale, timid face of the boy. I shook him by the hand, and led him into the back parlor, telling the landlord on my way to lay the supper for two. Once inside the room, my young friend seemed more relieved.

"'You wished to see me?' said he.

"'I did.'

"Now he was with me alone, I hardly knew how to commence. He had a delicate, sensitive look, that made me fear lest I should wound his feelings or scare him into reticence. However, I proceeded:

"'I wanted to see you in reference to that young girl I saw you walking with to-day, when I overlook you on the road.'

"He gave me another of those quick, suspicious glances of his, that seemed to say: 'What are you driving at?' I read that glance, and answered it:

"'Come, my young fellow,' said I, 'you and I had best understand each other. I will be plain and outspoken with you. I want you on your side to treat me with equal trust and candor.'

"'I never lie if I can avoid it,' was the quick rejoinder, and I believed him.

"'In the first place, I want to know your name. Will you tell me it?'

"'Certainly; my name is Fred.'

"'And the girl's?'

"He blushed scarlet as he answered:

"'Ella.'

"That blush showed me one plain fact—Fred loved Ella. But I appeared not to notice it, and asked the man's name.

"'We call him Daddy,' was the reply. 'If he has any other name, I never heard it.'

"So far, so good, I said. 'And now I will tell you why I asked you here to-night—it relates to the cruelty displayed by Daddy to Ella on the road to-day, and, although you did not see me, I was within arms' reach of you almost, moreover, I heard the words: "Send me to those from whom you stole me." Now, I want you to tell me all you know of her history; I may be able to help both her and you. If I can I will, for I like you both with all my heart.'

"He sprang from his seat, the tears standing in his large, brown eyes.

"'Thank you, sir,' said he. 'Thank you so much. Those are the first kind words I have heard for many a weary year. I will tell you all, sir, all; and may God grant you will be able to save poor, dying little Ella—for she *is* dying, sir, fast—dying of want, privation and cruelty.'

"Here he burst into sobs, and seeing that it was best to leave him alone for a few moments, I arose, said something about 'seeing after supper,' and left the room, my own throat feeling to terribly large and uncomfortable, pacing me to be very fierce, and puff with extra vigor at my pipe. When I returned he was seated at the table, his face buried in his hands.

"Come, Fred,' said I, as I tapped him on the shoulder. 'Cheer up! We'll set things right between us yet, I dare say. See,' I continued, as the maid brought in a tray of dishes, from which arose a most tempting odor, 'here is supper; you must have some chops, for no place is found where I will hear your tale, and then we can decide upon our plan of action.'

"He sat at the table drinking his coffee, eating a very little, but evidently thinking a great deal. I tried a few jokes, but they were miserable failures. I could not make him smile, and when I endeavored to do so myself, I felt that it was only a ghastly grin. Supper over, I had the things cleared away, and then, relighting my old friend the pipe, I went to the bar and fetched in two glasses of stiff whiskey and water, one of which I placed by Fred, the other near my own elbow. Thus fixed, I awaited his information.

"It was a long, pitiful story, full of sorrow and little joy. I could not repeat it now word for word, but the substance of it was this: He believed he had been stolen from his parents when very young, but he could never remember any other relative than Daddy. His life, he said, was certainly very hard, but he had got used to it, his chief sorrow being for little Ella.

"He went on to say that one night, as he lay in the corner of the wretched room in a house in Little Burke street, Melbourne, occupied by Daddy and himself, he was awakened by said Daddy shaking him roughly and telling him to gather together all he possessed in the way of rags, as start on the road within half an hour. He obeyed, and sure enough the man soon returned, bearing in his arms a little girl who seemed to be peacefully sleeping, enveloped in a shawl, and off they started on the road, making for the Bendigo diggings. He said:

"'Daddy seemed in good spirits that night, and said he was sure of a large reward for the little treasure in his arms.'

"But day after day, week after week, month after month, passed away, and no reward was offered, and then he began to ill-treat the child whom he had stolen from doubtless a happy home, and finally taught her to dance and walk on stilts, and then hired her out at fairs and races and made money the best way they could.

"'She was not more than six years old when Daddy stole her,' said Fred. 'She has been with us eight years, and is now fourteen. I took a great fancy to her, and she to me, the first time we met. Since then she has shown herself a true, kind-hearted nature. She nursed me through a long sickness, and cared for her I must have died, and now we love and comfort each other as best we may. She still has hopes of again seeing her father, and says she remembers him well. She had a locket with his portrait in it round her neck, which somehow Daddy never saw. She gave it to me to keep, fearing he might take it from her.'

"As he said this he detached from around his neck a thin gold chain, fastened to which was a locket, and handed it to me, saying:

"'There it is.'

"I opened it and looked at the portrait—a fine, gentle face. It was beaming with kindness and love—the face, once seen, you could never forget. I returned the locket, and he continued:

"'I say she still hopes to meet her father, but I do not think she will in this world. For the past two years poor little Ella has grown thinner, paler, and weaker, and sometimes, after dancing, she will sink on the ground and hold her side, unable for a second or so to draw a breath. Moreover, she has a severe cough, which causes her to bleed at the lungs. I fear a short time more of constant exposure to the weather and ill treatment, added to her continual pining, will bring her to the grave, and I only wish to follow her, for, once having known the joy of her presence, life without her would be worse than death.'

"Again his tears began to flow, and again I had to puff harder at my pipe, and swear at the smoke for going into my eyes and making them water. We were both silent for some time, and then I said:

"'Come, Fred, things may not be so bad, after all. We can do nothing until after the races. You will then, I suppose, all return to Melbourne; will do the same, and, believe me, will not leave a stone unturned that may lead to the discovery of Ella's father. Meanwhile I shall be always near you, and will take care that neither of you shall be maltreated. Here, take this sovereign, and get your poor little Ella a better pair of shoes. Now, return to your camp—keep a good heart, and tell Ella that you have made a friend that will stick by you to the last.'

"He took the money, shook me heartily by the hand, and with the tears running one after the other down his cheeks, left me without a word. I followed him to the door, and saw him running like a young antelope back to his Ella. Half an hour more and I was in the arms of Morpheus, dreaming of child-stealers, who were thrusting at me with big knives, while I played 'Marching through Georgia' on their heads with my brass-rimmed banjo. I woke, however, the next morning as fresh as a daisy, and after a hearty breakfast I paid my bill and started on my road. I overtook the party without attracting particular attention, he tried his hand at dramatic writing. He dramatized his novel of *La Dame aux Camelias*, and unparalleled popularity attended it. It drew crowded and enthusiastic houses not only in Paris, but throughout France, and translations of it were acted in America with great success by the Misses Woman, M. Davenport, Heron, Chanfrau and Matilda Heron. It was set to music by Verdi in "La Traviata." He next dramatized "Diana de Lys," but it did not meet with so great a success as had attended his first effort. After this, instead of contributing his novels to the stage, he wrote original pieces. We have not the space to enumerate all the works of his pen; but we may refer to the successful production of "Le Demi-monde" in 1855, "Le Fils Naturel" (The Natural Son), and "La Question d'Argent" (The Money Question) in 1856 and 1857. His last piece is entitled "L'Etrangere" (The Stranger), which was recently produced with pronounced success in Paris, and the story of its plot was shortly afterwards published from the pen of Clarence. It will probably be produced in this country next season, as the right of representation here has already been purchased by a well-known manager.

THE POOR OLD TRAVELER.

He was travel-stained and weary, and his eyes had a far-off, wistful look, as though he knew rest was not for him below, for the fond heart crave it never so much. And as he humbly asked the lady of the house for a morsel of food, his venerable appearance and evident want aroused all her womanly generosity, and she presently set the tramp down to the remains of the family dinner.

"Poor old man," she murmured sympathetically as she saw him take up his chair, leaving his food untouched on his plate; "he is too weary to eat," and she asked him if he felt ill.

"Not exackly, mum," was the answer in a humble voice; "but mos' people cooks their roast-beef till it's overdone, an' overdone beef don't gen'lly agree with me."

"Y' don't any Wooster sauce, have ye?" continued the mendicant. "I mos' gen'lly use it when beef aint cooked to suit me."

Unfortunately, the house of McCormick was out of "Wooster sauce," but Mrs. McC. brought the mustard and a plate of nice pickles, observing, with the faintest trace of sarcasm in her tones, that if she'd known that he was coming she'd have looked out for something better.

"Oh, I aint very pertickler, mum," said the old man as he helped himself to another spoonful of gravy and a cucumber pickle; "on'y I jes' happ'n'd to mention it, 'cos where there aint no pie nor nothin' sweet for dessert, overdone roast-beef's more likely to disagree with me, mum." And the look on the vagrant's wrinkled face was touching in the extreme as he looked humbly around the table as though his former glance might have overlooked the luxuries of which he spoke.

But Mrs. McC. was rather too far gone with speechless indignation to frame a suitable answer, and so the weary old man, with a mournful sigh, went on eating, and developed a most singular and wonderful appetite, which was gradually appeased as the four-pound piece of beef was reduced to a mere shapeless fragment, and the last boiled potato had vanished from the dish.

"I hope you've made a good dinner," ejaculated Mrs. McC. in a fine fury.

"Well, yes'm. I've eat wus wittels," said the old mendicant with deep humility as he pushed his chair back from the table, and appeared to seek something on the floor.

"What is it you're a-lookin' for?" demanded Mrs. McC., with a snap in her voice that reminded one of the alarming blowing down of the lid of a chest.

"Nothin', mum—that is, nothin' pertickler; I didn't see no napkin, an' thought I might a dropped it ——"

But he never finished his speech, and five seconds later his white locks vanished through the doorway.

A SUNBURNT THESPIAN.

The following incident, which occurred during a representation of "Pizarro," is an amusing exposition of the materiel of melodrama, and, to those who have never beheld the drama in the country, will be found to illustrate the remark of the poet, that

"Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise."

The production of the piece was made a card of in the bills. The scene of the "Temple of the Sun" was got up at an enormous expense. The altar alone cost (in the playbill) $50. It was, in reality, a splendid affair. It was, in fact, the large box used for the transportation of the wardrobe, covered with scarlet upon which a sign-painter of the town, in consideration of a pass for himself and wife, had toiled laboriously for two days, producing for a result something strongly representing a rainbow in a snarl. The sun was truly brilliant; it took nearly two sheets of pasteboard, upon which were lavished fully three books of Dutch metal. A pan of spirits of turpentine was duly placed behind it, to be ignited by the descent upon a wire of a piece of lighted sponge, saturated with spirits. The arrangement, however, was unsatisfactory to Dan. He was sure the sponge would keep the stage waiting, and resolved to anticipate the possibility of a failure by concealing himself behind the altar with a lighted candle, and touching off the sun himself. No one could dissuade him, and in his Pizarro dress (he was the best Pizarro in the country, by-the-bye) behold him coiled up in the wardrobe-box, with a bit of candle in his fingers, upon which the melted tallow streamed, causing him occasionally to utter a low whine. Dan was very mysterious on this occasion, and I looked forward with no little curiosity for the denouement. At the change of scene Dan became very much excited, so anxious was he to discharge his self-imposed duty faithfully. Sim stood upon a stepladder at the wing, holding a candle, ready at the proper time to launch the heaven-born fire. Dan, who had crept partially from his box, ever and anon regarded Sim with a jealous eye. At length the cue was given; the celestial flame slid down the wire as slick as grease; the fire burned brightly upon the altar; while Dan, rising himself suddenly to bring his candle into play, struck with his head the top of the box, and, with a crash, over went the altar, over the altar went Dan, and over Dan went the span of burning spirits! The audience screamed, the actors stood aghast, and the omnipresent Sim, rushing upon the stage, dashed a bucket of water upon the sunburnt Spanish conqueror, the whole forming a tableau of the most startling effect.

CLIPPER VARIETIES.

Comprising Ballads, Songs and Dances, Comic Songs, Old Bills, etc.

WRITTEN AND COLLATED EXPRESSLY FOR THE CLIPPER.

A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT A HORSE-RACE.

INTERLOCUTOR.—I see, Mr. Bones, that the Centennial Exposition Co. are to pay Wagner the composer five thousand dollars for his Centennial March.

BONES.—Yes, indeedy; Wag made a march dat time, sure enough. But can you tell me why dat march puts me in mind ob de Battle ob Balaklava?

INT.—You are too deep, Mr. Bones.

BONES.—Well, dat march am like de Battle ub Balaklava bekase dere's a putty big *charge* to it.

TAMBO.—Kin you tole me, Bones, why I wouldn't like to had my wife and myself libed near Bergen Hill before dat last 'splosion here?

BONES.—I don't know. Why?

TAMBO.—Bekase ub de fear dat *Dinah might* blow me up.

BONES.—Dat would be a good thing to send to a pound-party.

TAMBO.—Why so?

BONES.—Bekase you wouldn't dare *dine a might* dare either.

TAMBO.—Go 'long!

BONES.—Say, did you hear how Longfellow beat General Harney de udder day?

TAMBO.—Beat General Harney?

BONES.—Yes, indeedy! Beat him de wust kind. It's singular how he jumped and friaked round after he was frop. Oh! he's wicked; wouldn't trust him far as I could see him. You ought ter see him kick a boy.

TAMBO.—Sure it was Longfellow?

BONES.—Yes; seen him often. Him and Maggie Mitchell came forf, and dey stepped out lively; he led her by de neck all round de place, and she come in puffin' and blowin'.

TAMBO.—Nonsense; you must be blowin' yourself.

BONES.—Tell yu I seed it wid dese eyes. Den de General beat Judge Fullerton so dat he keeled up agin de fence. Dey say he broke his leg, but I don't know if it's so; but if he'd passed de quarter it ud been all right.

TAMBO.—Was't the quarter good?

BONES.—Certainly; but de Judge must er lost his wind. When he tumbled, it must er been a feint.

INT.—Served him right for engaging in such a brutal exhibition.

BONES.—Dat 'pends how yer looks at it. Well, den Longfellow entered wid Mattie Elvin, and kept shootin' past her.

TAMBO.—Did any ub de shots hit?

BONES.—What shots?

TAMBO.—Why, de shots from Longfellow's pistol.

BONES.—Why, a horse can't shoot a pistol. I was speakin' ub a horse-race.

TAMBO.—I thought you ment Longfellow de poet all de time.

BONES.—Just whare I got you on de string all de time. I'll head out frop from de *Philadelphia Bulletin*.

TAMBO.—How do you feel now?

BONES.—Like a roast-turkey—mighty well stuffed.

INT.—Mr. Maplesugar will please sing

The Whispered Secret.

BY LIEUT. E. H. KELLOGG.

The other night, while dreaming,
As on my couch I slept,
Methough I heard a whisper,
As to my side you crept
And said: "I have a secret,
But the secret you must keep."
At least methought you said so,
While dreaming in my sleep.
Chorus.—The secret you have told me
I cherish for your sake;
You say you love me dreaming,
Do you love me when awake?

The secret you have told me
Isn't worth my while to keep;
Although 'twas only whispered,
I cherished it in sleep.
It is my fondest treasure,
I'll keep it for your sake;
You say while I'm dreaming—
Do you love me when awake?
Chorus.—The secret, etc.

The rolling world is girdled with the sound
Perpetually breathed by all who dwell
Upon its bosom, for no place is found
Where is not heard "Farewell!"

"Farewell! farewell!" from wave to wave 'tis tossed,
From wind to wind earth has one tale to tell;
All other sounds are dulled and drowned and lost
In this one cry, "Farewell!"

FAREWELL.

The crimson sunset faded into gray,
Upon the murmurous sea the twilight fell;
The last warm breath of the delicious day
Passed with a mute farewell.

Above my head, in the soft, purple sky,
A wild note sounded like a shrill-voiced bell;
Three gulls met, wheeled, and parted with a cry
That seemed to say "Farewell!"

I watched them—one sailed east, and one soared west,
And one went floating south; while, like a knell,
That mournful cry the empty sky possessed—
"Farewell, farewell, farewell!"

"Farewell!" I thought—it is the earth's one speech,
All human voices the sad chorus swell;
Though mighty love to Heaven's high gate may reach,
Yet must he say "Farewell!"

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OUR ENGRAVING.

Alexander Dumas, son of the celebrated Alexander Davy Dumas, was born in Paris, France, July 28, 1824. At the age of sixteen he published a volume of light poems under the title of *Peches de jeunesse* (Youthful Sins), which have been forgotten. He then took to novel-writing, and produced *Quatre femmes et un perroquet* (Four Women and a Parrot), *Le Roman d'une femme* (The Romance of a Woman), *Le Docteur Servant* (The Doctor in Waiting), *Quatre hommes forts* (Four Strong Men), *La vie a vingt ans* (Life at Twenty Years). None of these, however, gave indications of extraordinary talent or originality. In 1851 he published *La Dame aux Camelias* (The Lady of the Camelias), which created a prodigious sensation. The novel was nothing else than the history, slightly amended and embellished, of a woman of the town, Marie Duplessis, with whom he had been on intimate terms, and who had lately died of consumption; but it was narrated with such simplicity and pathos that it had, as the French say, a "success of tears." After writing two other novels, *Diane de Lys* and *La Dame aux Perles*, Lady of the Pearls, without attracting particular attention, he tried his hand at dramatic writing. He dramatized his novel of *La Dame aux Camelias*, and unparalleled popularity attended it. It drew crowded and enthusiastic houses not only in Paris, but throughout France, and translations of it were acted in America with great success by the Misses Woman, M. Davenport, Heron, Chanfrau and Matilda Heron. It was set to music by Verdi in "La Traviata." He next dramatized "Diana de Lys," but it did not meet with so great a success as had attended his first effort. After this, instead of contributing his novels to the stage, he wrote original pieces. We have not the space to enumerate all the works of his pen; but we may refer to the successful production of "Le Demi-monde" in 1855, "Le Fils Naturel" (The Natural Son), and "La Question d'Argent" (The Money Question) in 1856 and 1857. His last piece is entitled "L'Etrangere" (The Stranger), which was recently produced with pronounced success in Paris, and the story of its plot was shortly afterwards published from the pen of Clarence. It will probably be produced in this country next season, as the right of representation here has already been purchased by a well-known manager.

WOOD'S MINSTRELS IN PENN YAN, N. Y., IN 1860.

From a scrap-book containing many bills of minstrel troupes, kindly loaned us by W. Henry Rice, we copy one of the performances of the above-named troupe. J. H. Budworth died in this city March 15, 1875. Master W. Lewis is known as now W. Henry Rice. George Raynor, whose real name was Rea, died in Brooklyn, L. I., April 1, 1875.

COURT-HOUSE, PENN YAN.
GENUINE AND TRIUMPHANT SUCCESS.
THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 24, 1860,
and positively the last night.
The celebrated, unrivaled and only
WOOD'S MINSTRELS,
From Wood's Marble Palace, 561 and 563, and formerly of 444 Broadway, New York, where they have been permanently located for two years consecutively.
WOOD'S QUARTET BRASS-BAND,
which will commence playing at the entrance of the Courthouse by 7¼ each evening.

PROGRAMME—PART I.

Grand Introductory Overture—new.....Wood's Minstrels
Opening Chorus—operatic.....Company
Clap Your Hands.....J. H. Budworth
Cottage by the Sea.....Mast. W. Lewis
Sailleur Boy.....W. S. Budworth
The Grey Eagle.....G. Raynor
Lilly Dale.....J. H. Budworth
Hush-a-Bye, Baby.....J. H. Budworth
Finale—Medley.....Geo. Raynor and Company

PART II.

Solo Violin—De Berlot's Variations on the Bass String.....Prof. A. Nicholls

First and only night of
THE GRAND SOIREE MUSICALE.

A Burlesque on Mons. Jullien's Monster Concerts, arranged expressly for this company, introducing:
COUNT MORSE-INI, the celebrated harpist,
BARON SALMONFISH, Solo Clarionet,
DUKE A. NICHOLLSSINI, Violinist,
SIG. R. NICHOLLSBOTTESSINI, Bass Viola,
BASE DRUMMER, Mast. Frank Budworth.
Opening overture—"Norma".....By the orchestra
Solo—Viola—"Le Carnival de Venice,"
Sig. R. Nichollsbottesini
Second and last appearance of the young American prima-donna, MASTER W. H. LEWIS,
who will appear in a grand scene from the opera of "Lucretia Borgia."
ANVIL CHORUS from "Il Trovatore," and YANKEE DOODLE, executed by the chorus and orchestra.
Musical Conductor.....Mons. Jemini Jullien Budwinkero
DANCE.....Mast. W. H. Lewis
BANJO SOLO.....J. H. Budworth

STAGE-STRUCK HEROES.

Bill Johnson.....J. H. Budworth | Man Friday.....W. S. Budworth
SOLO—Bocha Clarionet.....J. H. Budworth | Mr. Solomons
The performance to conclude with the musical farce entitled THE DISAPPOINTED LOVERS.
Miss Fannie Bloomer.....Mast. W. H. Lewis
Jenkins Gerdomon Smallbones.....W. S. Budworth
Hon. Alfred Highflyer.....W. S. Budworth
Mr. John Conturtich.....Geo. Raynor
John Hytenflutter.....J. H. Collins

Other characters by the company.
Tickets, 25 cents. No half price. Doors open at 7½ o'clock, commencing at 8. Positively no free list.

OLD PHILADELPHIA.

DEDICATED TO GEO. McCONNELL, BANJOIST.
BY JAMES W. CANEY.

I'm going to sing a little song—
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!
I'll promise not to keep you long—
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!
Pull down your vest, and all keep quiet—
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!
I'm going to feed you on Irish diet—
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!
Chorus.—Mary Ann, Susie Ann,
Can't you dance the Cancan?
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!

Wipe off your chin, and take in the news—
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!
Then read a while, to drive away the blues—
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!
I'm going to see the Centennial Show—
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!
If I don't make a hit, 'twill be no go—
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!
Chorus.—Mary Ann, etc.

I wrote last week for an engagement new—
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!
They said: "We do not recognize you"—
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!
Now I'm out of funds and out of bed—
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!
And wherever I go I'm called deadhead—
Old Philadelphia, Oh! Oh! Oh!
Chorus.—Mary Ann, etc.

Wellsburg, W. Va.

A CIRCUS PERFORMANCE In 1837, in Aid of the Cause of Texan Independence.

Mr. John Hurst of Baltimore, Md., contributes the bill of which the appended is a copy. We do not know the place where the performances took place. Henry Rockwell died of cholera in Cincinnati, O., in 1849; J. J. Nathans is one of the proprietors and managers of P. T. Barnum's Centennial Circus and Menagerie; Walter Howard is dead; John Smith is in Australia, managing shows occasionally; Mrs. Howard is the widow of the late Frank Howard, and living in retirement in Philadelphia; Mr. Whitlock is living in retirement; Master Kelly, we believe, is now known as Billy Naylor; W. B. Derr may possibly be still living in retirement in the West; S. Stokes is living.

BOSTON CIRCUS,
Corner of Main and Seventh streets,
TEXAS BENEFIT.

The manager of the Boston Circus has kindly volunteered the services of his company, in aid of the cause of TEXAS, and has consented to give the proceeds of the house on this evening (Friday). Let everyone come forward and contribute his mite.

THIS EVENING, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1837,
the evening's entertainments to commence with a
GRAND STAR AND WALTZ ENTREE,
with eight beautiful horses led by H. Rockwell and J. Nathans.
STILL VAULTING WITH HORSE PYRAMIDS, AND
GRAND CIRCLE TRAMPOLINE, BY MR. ROCKWELL,
over garters, etc., and conclude by throwing a wonderful somerset through a blazing sun, 12 feet high!
HORSEMANSHIP, BY MR. HOWARD.
SONG—"Seated on a Mossy Bank".....MR. SMITH
with appropriate verses, arranged especially for the occasion.

POLICHINELLE ON HORSEBACK,
By Mr. J. Nathans.

FANCY DANCE.....MRS. HOWARD
CAMP-TOWN HORNPIPE, BY MR. SMITH.
TURKISH DIVERTISEMENTS, BY MR. WHITLOCK.
EQUESTRIAN EXERCISES, BY MRS. HOWARD.
HORSEMANSHIP,
by Mr. Whitlock without saddle or bridle.
JUGGLING, OR GRECIAN EXERCISES,
by Master Kelly, in imitation of the Indians of Malabar, with cups, balls, rings, plates, etc., etc.
THE CELEBRATED HORSE BUCKEYE
will be introduced, and go through a variety of pleasing tricks, such as fetching and carrying different articles at the word of command.
HORSEMANSHIP, BY MASTER KELLY.
HORSEMANSHIP, BY MR. NATHANS,
on two and three horses, who will manage, drive and separate them in a style never before witnessed, in the manner of the Colosseum of Rhodes.
The whole to conclude with the celebrated piece of the
PONY RACES.

CHARACTERS.

Bob Logic.....Mr. Derr | Jemmy Twitcher.....Mr. Nathans
Jerry.....Mr. S. Stokes | Dusty Bob.....Mr. Simpson
Tom.....Mr. Whitlock | Sam Williams.....Mr. Scott
African Sal.....Mr. Wright | Judges of the Course.....
Billy Waters.....Mr. Conclin | Rockwell and Johnson
Zip Coon.....Mr. Linton | Clerk of the Course.....
Pompy Smash.....Mr. Smith | Mr. Walters
Silk Stockings.....rode by Master Pentland
Fanny Kemble.....rode by Master Kelly
Tony Lumpkins.....rode by Mr. Huntington
Ragged Sill.....rode by Zip Coon
Ground Hog.....rode by Pompey Smash

RACES AS FOLLOWS:

1. Four-mile heats, for a silver cup, to be contended for by Silk Stockings, Fanny Kemble, and Tony Lumpkins.
2. Grand foot-race between Zip Coon, Pompy Smash, Jemmy Twitcher, and African Sal for a silver watch.
3. Sack race between Dusty Bob and Sam Williams for a new beaver hat.
4. Match-race between African Sal and Dusty Bob for a watch.
5. A grand match-race between Ragged Bill and Ground Hog for a quart of rum; rode by Zip Coon and Pompey Smash.
6. Previous to the match-race between Ragged Bill and Ground Hog, Master Kelly will ascend a 12-feet high, and stand upon his head, surrounded by a brilliant display of fireworks.
7. A grand sparring-match between Jemmy Twitcher and Doctor Legnary. The whole to conclude with a general row.

SINCE TERRY'S BEEN COURTING KATE.

TO SCANLON AND CROKIN.
BY DAVID DILLON.

Sure, we've come here before ye's now
To tell ye's of our son;
But of course you've heard of him before,
And the crowd with which he run;
But now, ye's know, he's shook the gang,
For he looks so clane and nate—
Oh, our joys, I'm sure, we can't endure,
"Since Terry's Been Courting Kate."
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and B. Frank Dennison, in addition to the others named. As a three-ball player he has a match-average of 12.17-42, and a match-run of 194. The first three-ball tournament in which he participated was the Chicago one of Nov. 10 to 22, 1873, in which he was sixth in a field of eight; the next was that of November, 1874, in this city, when he tied Ubassy for final prize; and the last was that of Nov. 15 to 22, 1875, in this city, when he divided third, fourth and fifth moneys ($1,000) with Garnier and Sexton.

Rudolphe did not arrive in Philadelphia until two hours before he was required to meet Slosson, but nevertheless he reached there in time to wager $50 with Cyrille Dion and lose it. Rudolphe has never beaten Slosson in a tournament, and he was unable to beat him on this day, notwithstanding that in the eighteenth inning he ran 103. The winner's average was 13.1-23, and the loser's 11.13-23. Referee, Blaisdell.

	Rudolphe.			Slosson.	
Inn.	*Runs.*	*Total.*	*Runs.*	*Total.*	*Inn.*
1	4	4	1	1	13
2	1	5	18	19	14
3	1	6	0	19	15
4	0	6	1	20	16
5	8	14	21	41	17
6	32	46	5	46	18
7	0	46	9	55	19
8	0	46	5	60	20
9	0	46	5	65	21
10	1	47	1	66	22
11	17	64	80	146	23
12	10	74	2	148	24
				162	

GAME NO. 4—MAURICE DALY VS. MELVIN FOSTER.

A noteworthy feature of the second game of the afternoon was that in it Melvin Foster made his debut as a three-ball tournament player. He had endeavored to enter into some of the tournaments preceding this one, but the privilege was denied him. Under the condition imposed by THE CLIPPER, no player of his calibre or reputation could be excluded from the pending tournaments. Foster has already figured in two four-ball tournaments, having been the winner-in-chief of that held in Cincinnati Oct. 21 to 31, 1867, and having won the third prize in the New York tournament of April 26 to May 10, 1869. As a three-ball player, he had appeared but thrice in public prior to this occasion, although he had frequently played billiard-room games for money with such experts as Rudolphe, Goldthwait, P. D. Braisted, Garnier (purse), and Ralph Benjamin. His first public contest at three-ball carooms was at Irving Hall, this city, Sept. 30, 1868, when, for $250 a side, he defeated John Deery by 300 to 184; his next was at the Academy of Music, Dec. 28, 1868, when, for $1,000 a side, he defeated Joseph Dion by 300 to 206; and his third was at Irving Hall on April 23, 1869, when, for $250 a side, he beat John Deery by 300 to 183, this game being played on a 5½x11 four-pocket table, while the other two were played on a 5½x11 carom. Foster's encountering Maurice Daly in the game now to be reported was his maiden essay in public on so small a table as a 5x10.

Maurice Daly's first three-ball match of record was with Henry Rhines, whom he defeated in Brooklyn, on Nov. 6, 1871, for $500 a side, 500 to 397. He had previously won first prize in the four-ball tournament in Rochester, N. Y., in April, 1871, and in billiard-room games he had beaten Richard Hennessy (retired), April 27, 1865; James H. Davis, April 2 (Washington), and April 11 (Baltimore); B. Frank Dennison, June 15, 1868; William McKay, Jan. 23, 1869 (score, 1,200 to 232); and Mortimer Humphrey, April 22, 1869; and on May 11, 1869, was beaten by William Goldthwait (score, 1,200 to 370), all four-ball games. He had also beaten A. W. Jamieson in Brooklyn, Sept. 26, 1871 (four-ball game), and in the following month played two four-ball games with Garnier, which are spoken of in the sketch of that player. His first December, 1871, in Titusville, Pa., he was beaten by Garnier in a three-ball game, and beat him in a four-ball. He has played the four-ball game once since with Garnier (Oct. 2, 1873), and then Garnier beat him, as he also did in the only three-ball match in which they have since played together (April 3, 1874). Daly's opponents at three-ball caroms, outside of New Orleans, and apart from tournaments, have been confined to Slosson (who beat him in Chicago in November, 1873), Rhines, Deery, Rudolphe (purse), Garnier, and Cyrille Dion. It was against the latter that, on March 12, 1874, at Tammany Hall, this city, Maurice Daly made the largest run on record, 212 (this has been surpassed in this tournament by Sexton). He defeated John Deery thrice (July 25, Sept. 3 and 11, 1872), and has never been beaten by Deery. Playing together, he and Garnier have been beaten by the Dions in a game of record, and in a 2,000-point game that is not of record Daly has beaten Ubassy. His last match at three-ball caroms was on Nov. 23, 1875, at Tammany Hall, when C. Dion beat him by 600 to 557.

Foster's brilliant execution at the outset surprised everybody. His counting was done mainly around the table, while Daly's was almost wholly the result of nursing. In the third inning Foster ran 79, but after that he did not, scoring double figures but once again, these being but 11. Although Daly made no run above 42, still he had no difficulty in outscoring Foster by precisely one-half the game. Daly averaged 14.6-21, and Foster 7.3-21. Referee, Bird.

	Foster.		Daly.	
Inn.	*Runs.*	*Total.*	*Runs.*	*Total.*
1	0	0	32	32
2	6	6	39	71
3	79	85	11	82
4	5	90	0	82
5	0	90	0	82
6	11	101	40	122
7	0	101	7	129
8	0	101	2	131
9	8	109	2	133
10	2	111	32	165
11	2	113	27	192
12	0	113	0	192
13	0	113	0	192
14	0	113	0	192

THEATRICAL RECORD.

Movements, Business, and Incidents of the Theatrical, Circus, Musical and Minstrel Professions.

THE CLIPPER POST-OFFICE.

☞ A STAMPED ENVELOPE, plainly addressed, must be inclosed for each and every letter, and the line of business followed by the party addressed should be given, in order to prevent mistakes.

NOTE.—Professionals and others should bear in mind that, by a recent change in the postal laws, all letters, etc., in transit between the United States and Canadas, *must be prepaid*, otherwise they are not forwarded.

Letters received for week ending 5 P. M., MONDAY, May 22.

LADIES LIST.

Armond, Arzena
Atkinson, Maude "Aziza"
Arlington, May
Allen, Mrs. J. R.
Adams, Edwin
Ada, Mr.
Allen, M. C. (of Sells' Cir.)
Armstrong & Perry "Aziza"
Albion Bros. (gymnasts)
Abbey, Henry C.
Braham, Harry (comedian)
Baldwin, G. O.
Bradshaw, G. W. (gymnast)
Blanchard, W. E.
Berger, F. G.
Brannan, A. G. (2)
Braham, J. (with Harman & Hart)
Burnett, Alf.
Brown, W. C.
Bartley, John
Brower, E. B. (with Gilbert Sist.)
Bates, H. (of Howe's Cir.)
Burke, J. M. (of "Bull" Co.)
Bettie, Dr.
Bailey, F. (of Robinson's Cir.)
Bona, Louis
Bisbee, Frank
Blake, Harry
Burr, J. L.
Barnett, L. (of Cook's Cir.)
Benford, Saml.
Buckley, Murdock
Baisley, Mrs.
Brown, Chas. (of J. A. Stevens' Co.)
Bartine, Clarence
Brennan, Mr. (dancer of Newark, N. J.)
Baugh, T. (of Tony Pastor's Co.)
Borup, C. C. (with Jar. & Palmer)
Bagley, Wm.
Burke, J. W. (with Fanor. of Ireland)
Brennan, R. A.
Belmont, Chas. (gymnast)
Byron, O. Doud
Butler, Chas. W.
Bell, Harry B.
Bishop, C. B.
Beeman, C. M.
Barton, Thos.
Bartram, Jr., J.
Baker, E. H.
Bucklin, John
Burnham, Chas.
Bowron, Prof. W. I.
Basye, E. E.
Baley, Geo.
Baker, ——— (with Hilliard & Hamlin)
Clarke, H. G. (manager)
Constantine & Le Claire
Collum, Mr. (of Howe's Cir.)
Collins, Frank
Christy & Fields
Cree, Wm. (musician)
Collins, Chas. (of "Color Guard")
Chippendale, F. (of Daly's Comb.)
Collins, Chas. (of Dutch "biz")
Cowan, Wm. H. A.
Cinelle, Sig.
Chase, ——— (of Chace & Davis)
Carr, Frank H.
Carleton
Clifton, Frank E.
Cole, Alf. (circus "biz") 10c.
Cowles, T. G.
Carter, J. Heneage
Cole, W. W.
Cuthbertson, G. H.
Cook, John F.
Campbell, "Ned"
Cressville, J. A.
Crummer, Maj.
"Zeb"
Cassim, Mr. (acrobat)
Charles, J. M. (stage-manager)
Dixon, H. (of Kellogg Co.)
Dixon, G. W. (musician)
Doud, Frank A.
Durand, John W.
Devlin, R. (of MacEvoy's Hib.)
Dugane, C. B.
Dougherty, S. W.
Diamond, Wm. (variety "biz")
Dumont, H. (of Dumont Bros.)
Davenport, Chas.
Delorme, Harry
Donnelly, H. Gratitan
Duffy, Wm. (of Fay Templeton's Co.)
Dunbar, E. C.
Dickinson, Harry
Dailey, Robt.
Dreyfus, Mr. (of Rothchild's Cir.)
Day, Chas. H.
Dawson, Chas. N.
Dawson, H.
DeHaven, Geo. W.
Dame, Chas. E.
Dobson, Chas.
Dobson, F. B.
Evans, Frank A.
Emery, D. F.
Elliott, S. F.
Emmet, J. (dressing)
Evans, Chas.
Ellis, Chas. T. (Dutch "biz")
Eckhardt, Robt.
Emerson, Frank
Emerson, F. (of Barnum's Cir.)
Eckert, Prof. Jno.
Eckert, John
Fulton, John
Forepaugh, Jno.
Fitzgerald, John
Frothingham, Geo.
Fielding, John
Forbes, Chas. (manager)
Forrestal, Jean E. (2)
French, Ed. (banjoist)
French, Saml. S. (2)
Fleming, Wm. J.
Fox, L. G.
Freire, Albert W. 6c.
Florence, W. J.
Fritz, Ed. (with Cooper & Bailey)
Fowler, W. W.
France, Sid. C.
Peak, Mrs. Wm.
Preston, Mrs. Isabella (2)
Reynolds, Fannie V (vocalist)
Remicke, Belle
Swinburne, Marie
Siddons, Annie
Stratton, Mrs. Chas. T.
Saunders, Julia
Scott, Miss L.
Sexton, Evelyn
Stanley, Flora
Showers, Lidia
Sankey, Minnie
Shelton, Lizzie
Siegrist, Addie
Skenk, Susan (actress)
Stanley, Maude
Theadore, May
Thiens, Mlle.
Turner, Frank (e Venus & Adonis
Vestvali, Marie
Wyndham, Alice
Williams, Gussie
Wood, Mrs. R.
Warner, Miss F. (p. m. London, Eng.)
Winship, Mrs.
Laura Sc.
Wallack, Mrs. J. H. (actress)
Werner, Mrs. Maude
Watson, Rose &c.
Weber, Effie
Whitland, Kittie
Zoula, Millie
Zoerner, Anna (2) 10c.

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Fish, C. W.
Gazetta Troupe, The
Guy, Sr., Geo.
Greiner, Jos.
Gilbert, Harry
Glassford, Walter
Goshen, Col. Routh
Guilford, Geo. J.
Gruner, J. W.
Gardner, W. H.
Gorman, Rich.
Gillespie, Jas. E.
Gulick, Jos. H.
Goodwin, J. (of Burlesque Dem. Co.)
Goldsmith, S.
Gates, H. (of Kellogg Op. Co.)
Girard, F. (of Tony Pastor's Co.)
Glasford, Ed. C.
Gaylord, W. (of Griffith Gaylord)
Gulick, J. T. (with Dup. & Bened.)
Guy, G. B. (of Guy Family)
Hernandez, Arthur (2)
Hodges, Thos.
Hathorne, G. W. (minst. "biz")
Haggard, A. (musician)
Howe, Frank
Hayden, W. R.
Hoey, Samuel W.
Pozzeo, Prima
Phoite, Jno. Walsh
Perse, B. (of D'Este Co.)
Porter, Benj. C.
Patten, M.
Peters, Jas. F.
Pattacn, A. L.
Powers, L.
Pollock, A. M.
Perkins, Geo. (late of Philadelphia)
Powers, J. "Kentucky Giant"
Pateman, Robt.
Peters, Jas. F.
Plunkett, Percy
Rigby, Jno.
Russle, M.
Rowe, Richd.
Robinson, Alex. (Orem. prop.)
Riley, Jno. (Irish comed.)
Rossmili, Eugene
Ryder, Geo. (late of Newark, N. J.)
Reynolds, Barney
Rose, W. A. (2)
Ragot, (2)
Roome, Jas.
Rickaby, John (2)
Riddell, Alf.
Russell, Sol. S.
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Stanton, D.
Sadler, Thos.
Smith, D. H. (with Dup. & Bened.)
Sells, Louis
Salsbury, N. (of Salsbury Trub.) (2)
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Sargent, H. J.
Shaw, "Den"
Studebaker, J. W.
Sully, Danl. (Irish comed.)
Saphore, John
Serrill, Prof.
Schofield, F. S.
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Stevens, R. E.
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Sawtelle, Th. (equestrian)
Shandley, Jas. J.
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Sweet, Steph. H.
Sandford, John L.
Sebastian, Romeo
Sheridan & Mack
Spyer, Fred F.
Short, P. S.
Stenhell, Harry
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Shaffer, Oscar
Schultz, F.
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Tripler, Wm. C.
Thompson, Geo. B.
Thompson, Jas. (of Queen's Cir.)
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Tower, John H.
Taylor, Thos. (of Janauschek's Co.)
Thompson, Sid.
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Wingfield, John
Whitlin, Thos.
Woodland, Prof. Nich.
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Ward, W. H. (with Haverly)
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White, ——— Arch. (comed.)
Willeot, Frank
Wambold, Peter
Winship, Geo.
Ward & West
Washburn, E. S. (2)
Williams, G. E. 10c.
Werner, "Ned"
Wells, Chas. B.
Wells, Harry C.
Wildman, F. J. (2)
Wolfe, Jas.
Walker, G. Walter
Wires, R. S.
Worden & Mack
Wayne, Burt.
Watson, Jas. & Lizzie Sherman, H
Watson, F. (late of Independence, Ia.)
Wood, Frank (equestrian)
Worden, R. (of Worden & Mack)
Watson, J. (of Nottingham, Eng.)
Wagner, Carl
Yewell, Sol.
Zobold, Geo. W.
McGann, W. (with McGill & Strong)
Madigay, E. V.
Melrose, Frank
Maynard, T. H. or H.
Mora, Frank (of Grady's Cir.)
Monta, E. (of Garetta's Co.)
Morey, ——— Prof. (magician)
Mackley, J.
McCall, E. W.
Meyering, A. H.
Norton, Wash.
Nesque Dem. Co.)
Norton, J. (late of DeBar's, St. Louis)
Nelson, H. A.
Nelson, Arthur
Neary, Martin
Newman, N. L.
Nevins, J. M.
Nichols, T. W.
Organ, Wm.
"Optician"
Oliver, Jos. H.
O'Reardon, M.
Pope, W. H.
Phillon, A. S.
Pepp, Chas.
Peters, Jas. (actor)
Petit & Scott
Pach, H. (of "Tom Thumb" Co.)
Primrose, Geo. H.
Payson, Ed.
Perry, Samuel
Pozzeo, Prima
Phoite, Jno. Walsh
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INTRODUCTORY OVERTURE.

MONDAY, May 22, '76.

BY "OUR JIM"—IN REKWEST.

On to mi desk urly this brite morn the follerin epistil m et me wary ise as I begun me ushil labers of the da:

Sunday evening.

DERR JIMMY.—I am very ill to-night, and my attending physicians have ordered me a change of scene, a quiet rest on the banks of the placid Schuylkill, where I may be forced for a time from the trammels of business and the cares of life; and where, living an isolated and abstemious life, I may soon be restored to comparative health, and resume my duties with renewed strength and vigor. You will, therefore, write up this department, and see that it is kept up to its standard of excellence. Should you not feel (the vein, as it were, you will find a couple of volumes of unpublished matter in the left-hand drawer of my secretary. "Use them well," as sweet William very properly remarks, "for they are the abstract and brief chronicles of the times." In addition, be just and fear no one, but "treat every man according to his desert." *Au revoir.*

I don't feel wery wel meself to-da, and this onexpectid note has taken me be surprise, and sot me horse do comback, to yuse a forrin iddiom. As the help adverts, see, "I aint afrade of wurk," and shall alwase willin to di at me post of dooty; but tu hav a thing like that sprung on to me unawares is a bite on in me karacter, and a frivyulus subterfuge tu git out of wurk. He ma tork about the plaside banks of the Skoolkil, but it's the faro-banks of Belmont averno hoom he is after, tho it's not for me tu sa so. I think it don't look wel for a redtids man like him to be seen going round with a brown and gemskin on his gloves. (This is a sarkastick illusshun to a misforchinit propensity of his'n for bettin' on the queen, an' layin his porkwiists on to the dubbel six.—JIM.] And a pius man hoom lise is wuss nor a dewastatin purtater-bug! I think this mutch is du tu the interests of the propperties. And so, with mallis tord nun, I open this dockyard seasants wile the birds is a-singin on the tre, and the gutter snipes is a-lookin up at me from the purlicus of the socere. [A tender passidg hoom wil make sunshine ware darknis alwase rools.—JIM.] I skorn his refrents tu his left-hand dror, and his cleevver littil bits! *I make we own jokes!* I make we own wersres! And hoom ses I do not, is falsehoods. To rescoom: Like ole Dan Emmit in his parmy dase, I teek a wauk-around last weke tu sampil the theatrese and things, and, like a hors, tu take a *note* [An te. Se!—JIM] of wot was goin' on. But I wasint hered! Ar no! I was not chered. There was nort tu enthuse the weery sole, and but littil in the manner of entertainmunt. Wen tha was poor and hungry yung men, and a-struggiin tu make bouth ends meat; when the press krowded 'em tu the waul, and a blind publick turned a deef ere to 'em; wen the fucher looket sollem and cold—thare was wun hoom giv em a boost, hoom set em onto thare pins, and bestode on em wurds of encurridgment, and cheered thare dismiil soles with frugil hopes that the goast he diddint wark. Ar tha I thare was wun hoos hart was opin tu 'em, hoos hole sole guaht, as it was, in behar of the poor and loly. It is not fur me to sa hoom that wun was! O no! Wantify is not me forty; nuther is eagertism me wekness I leve *other* pens to diskiose this trooth; I leve uther voices tu impoint the street to a nafetius wurld. And now, them yung men hav rose to be ledin metterpollitan manidgers—a bond of yunity, yu mite sa, betwene the parst and the fucher. And now tha are goin' to run a trane thru to San Frisco in half a weke! Think of it! *Half a weke!* at 500 dollers a hed and found. But tha invirted gest will be hiar tu-nite. Did tha but no shat thare benefacktor of uther dase lives, *he* wood shurely be wun of the faverd fu; for tha are libral to a fault, and mite be libral tu a onexpectant bennefacktor. But let not the breth of skandil ss *I* did it. Ar no; ar no!.....[A dewoted admirer of thurty yerss' standin" [guess he must be tired of standin' by now.—JIM] sends me the tips which he wishes to be skrutinised. We have spent 2 weery hours in skrutinising it; hours wich cood hav bin employd in slepe, swete slepe. A wuss pla we never red. It hassint wun redeemin' pint, no welkim and rewiveifying o-a-sis in the bleke and pernishis sands of the dessert. I sent back his brootil pla, with theese wurds, wich I shall hav him to hir kore: "A bad pla, like a bad egg, must be *laide over !*" The run of "Bras" cesed at the Park Theatre last Saterdy nite, but aul is not gold wich glitters—thare's plenty of brass amung the theatres yit. To-nite "Unkil Tom's Cabbin' is to be rewived in the theater, and I se that the papers is a-tryin to revive the *cab* be the streets, for the purpiss of giving pints to opposithin to extorshinit harridg fares.—JIM.]..... In the nost at the hed of this collum, he ses "trete evry man 'cordin' to his disserts." That ma du werry wel on paper, but, as he left no munny, *how am I to trete every man?* This is wexashis.....As I prarst along Fif Avnoo yisterdy, as the churches was a-womittin' forth thare welthy parishners from the morning's devvine exercises, I sed at a *Daily* man! [This is a simpil thort of me oan, and, like "The Long Strike," will kreate a strong like.—JIM.]..... And torkin of the Fif Avnoo injuces me to sudjest that A. Daly cood save a good dele in advertisin' if hede spel his cong wurds "P. Q." instead of "Pique."..... Took for instans, at Booth's a larst Friddy afternune, and a more gorjuous assemblidg nor a more agregated gallaxy of tallint I hav never sene. Ada Dyas, hoom kild "the Twins," shode up, and, as Ada Ingot, Ada got in sum nise pints [No, littil devvil, *she* doesn't indulg in pints of all; pints in the peese. Se?—JIM]. Clarer Kellog sung jems of orpher, *pore le lonyes*, and Emma Fessenden, who has visited States languidg, for this time only to oblege Tooker.—JIM.] And Littil Sally Juett shone as blakide Soosin. wile putty Jorge Rignold dun Wilyim, hoos fiete aul in the downs lide morod wen blakide Soosin kum on bord, as yu ma reeklect. In adishin, them connivin wretches, Barrett, and Bange, was thare in stroll pidi . . . I interwude him at the klose, and he was ded me; for, ses he, ware thare's life thare's hope. [Wen in' at a bevvy of convivvial spirrits hoom was a-takin' by, I sed, sort-o'voice, *"Ware thare's life there's hope."* Tha rored tharesellis tu deth, yis *I* diddint think it so *awful* funny.—JIM.]....Sho fokes hoom promist tu pa thare fees wen the Cobeny'll sod it. Shurmishin for the nerest wa tu sot out—things cumming up blank, and nuthin tu dror on !..... Me frend Josef Murphy me Jo Jon, I see, advertises his "Kerry Gow Dhuv." I no enuf of the ireish langwidg to asshure the kind reder that "Dhuv" (wich is a rong wa tu spel it) is nither a solid duv nur a tortil duv, for it has "anap and go" in it..... A good dele of pepil dise these dase. I skursly rede a paper wich doesn't record "the depe damnashin of his takin' ori," if I ma be so vulgar as tu yuse the profane wurds of the poet. The man hoom rote "he was not for a day, but for all time," made a mistake, but "we *au* carnt be rite!" It is sadness tu se frends passin' awa so swiftly ere yit tha are to fame and forchune stil unknoan. But I *di*-gres.....Me frend Sam Rickey ["Rickey, will yer dog bite?" Komikal konsete.—JIM] the sckter, was sckterly arrested wun dis larst weke for pursectain a offenser, an' goin' hi dadly dis time—wiselse nonsivis at a much hoom had bin taken on tik. As if a sckter hassint a rite to pursenate *any* thing! And this is the bosted home of fredim and the land of equill rites. Rickey shood sue 'em for the time lost in being arrested. Wurds:

O tel me not of fredim's boon,
O tel me not of sorrer:
Deth cummeth here this afternune,
As if it was to-morrer!

.....I was mutch convulst with laftur tu-da wile I red in an exchange these lines from Tyrie: "The abo bisnes is in disprepar. Frish, Rosyun an Schangerbach, Lenora A. Blum, bass; S. B. Mills and H. Kowalski, pianists; Jos. White, violinist; Chas. Verner, 'cellist; and Louis Dachauer, organist and director, with a chorus, were the executants of a programme of unusual interest rendered at the Sunday evening concert, May 21, at St. Ann's Church. Council oraticals Julius Caesar." Among the concertgoers was among the works interpreted.... A private harp recital was given at the Fifth-avenue Hotel by Miss Esmeralda Cervantes on Friday evening last.....Miss Sophie Flora Heilbron the pianist was married on May 12, by Rev. E. M. Isaacs, to Ferdinand Salomon of New York.—Reports of the doings of Mr. Niblo's Garden are still circulating, although nothing definite has yet been reached.....A reception was tendered to P. S. Gilmore, on his return from San Francisco, Cal., at the parlors of Dr. Crosby's church on May 18, by the members of the N. Y. Choral Union, among the participants were Mr. and Mrs. Brinkerhoff, who gave a brilliant rendering to "Il Bacio," and in response to an encore Abt's "Dear Love, Good-night," Mrs. Emeline Reed, Mr. Geo. Simpson, and a quartet and chorus.

J. J. MCCLOSKEY began an engagement at the Bowery Theatre on May 15, acting the character of Ted Maloney, a deserter, in a new drama announced as being written for himself, entitled "Buff and Blue, or the Times that Tried Men's Souls." The piece demands but little serious attention. It is founded upon historical incidents in the Revolutionary War; but in many cases they are used in an improbable manner. There is nothing new in the construction of the subject, and the only merit is the able scenery and correct costumes militated somewhat against what success it might otherwise have attained It belongs to that class of sensational dramas which won condiderable success a few years ago, but for which the public appetite now seems to be appeased. It was preceded by the farce of "Elam Pancake," in which Mr. McCloskey's benefit, Sergeant Wilson, late of the Marine Corps stationed in the Navy-yard in Brooklyn, and Sergeant C. T. Kelly of the Ninth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., gave an exhibition of the manual-of-arms. The attendance was light.

AT WOOD'S MUSEUM during the past week the attractions were John S. Norton, who acted at the evening performances in a sensational drama entitled "Under the Gallows," and J. H. Banks and Charles Stuarges, who were seen at the matinees in "Broke Jail." On Thursday night and thereafter "Broke Jail" was added to the evening programme.

THE SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS did a good average business during the past week. The changes in the programme included "When You and I were Soldier Boys," sung by Carl Rudolph; "The North Carolina Rose," a double song-and-dance by Johnson and Powers; and a flute-solo by J. G. Withers.

JOSEPH H. TOOKER'S BENEFIT at Booth's Theatre, which was reopened for the occasion, Friday afternoon, May 19, was largely attended. The programme included "David Garrick," with Lawrence Barrett in the title character, and Miss Ada Dyas as Ada Ingot; operatic songs by Miss Clara Louise Kellogg; one act of "Blackeyed Susan," with George Rignold as William, and Miss Sara Jewett as Susan; the forum scene of "Julius Cæsar," in which E. L. Davenport as Brutus and F. C. Bangs as Marc Antony delivered the well-known orations; and the Strands in their grotesque specialties, entitled "Leg Match Us."

THERE WERE NO NEW PEOPLE at the Parisian Varieties the past week. The entertainments consisted of sketches of "My Wife's Error," "A Mania for Lovers," and "The Schoolgirls' Frolic;" the ballet of "The Girls of Madrid," by Signor Novisimo, Mlle. Bertha and the ballet corps; living tableaux by a female troupe; and the specialties of Minnie Hall, Cora Cushman, Emily Prior, Billy Robertson, Horace Weston, Harry Mills, George Atkins, and Alfredo and Dohm.

J. F. PIKE AND WIFE and Walter Kelly arrived in town from New Orleans, La., on May 18.

MRS. OATES' OPERA COMPANY is to commence a season of six weeks at the Park Theatre June 12.

GEORGE RIGNOLD left the city for San Francisco, Cal., May 19. He is to act in "Henry V" at Wade's Opera-house.

ELLA WESNER, Mrs. Ole Bull and C. H. Vandenhoff sailed for England in the steamship Scotia on May 17.

A MARKED REDUCTION OF PRICE is to commence a season of six weeks at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, on Monday evening next. The prices will be reduced to the following standard: Admission, 50 cents; reserved seats, $1; balcony, 25 cents. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be acted, with Mrs. G. C. Howard in her original role of Topsy; G. C. Howard as St. Clair, his original character, and the other characters will be assumed by Mrs. J. W. Brutone, the Misses Rose Lisle, Pearl Eytinge, Constance Leigh, Bijou Heron, and I. G. Radamma, Messrs. George Kunkel, J. C. Padgett, H. Vaughn, J. W. Brutone, Mr. Thayer, Misses Meader and Haigney, and the "Five of the gendarmes' duet, a number of local hits which took well. The theatre remained closed the balance of the week. Herrmann the magician opens 22."

BUFFALO BILL'S COMBINATION is to play in Newark, N. J., May 27, Paterson 29.

THE FAT TEMPLETON STAR ALLIANCE performed in Annapolis, Md., the past week, and are to continue there until May 25, thence to Cumberland, Md., and Baltimore, where the season will terminate June 1.

"THE LAW AND THE LADY," a dramatization of Wilkie Collins' novel, also "Barbara's Vow," a domestic drama, can be purchased of Mrs. Martha A. Lachman, who advertises.

ALICE VANE and Fay Templeton were elected honorary members of Tildon Hose Company, No. 4, of Lynchburg, Va., at a regular meeting of that company, held May 12.

EDWIN FORREST'S GRAVE.—For the benefit of professionals who may visit Philadelphia, Pa., during the coming Summer, we would say that the remains of the late Edwin Forrest are interred in St. Paul's Churchyard, on the east side of Third street, between Spruce and Walnut streets. The vault is the fourth from the sidewalk on the south side of the church, and can easily be seen from the sidewalk.

ROBERT MCWADE performed in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 13, 15

JAMES LEWIS' benefit at the Fifth-avenue Theatre on Saturday evening last was quite numerously attended. The programme included "Charity," which was acted with the following cast: Fitzpartington James Lewis; Dr. Atheseny Charles Fisher, Ted Atheney, Charles Rockwell; Jonas Smalley, F. Hardenberg; Smalley Jr., M. Barrymore; Mr. Skinner, W. Davidge; the Butler, Mr. Daveau; Ruth Tredgett, Fanny Davenport; Mrs. Vanbrugh, Miss May Howard; Eva Vanbrugh, Miss Kate Holland. Miss May Howard, who had kindly volunteered her services, made her first appearance in this city on this occasion, and acted Mrs. Vanbrugh so commendably that she was called before the curtain. The entertainments concluded with the comedy of "Weak Woman," which was then acted for the first time in this city, and was cast as follows: Captain Ginger, James Lewis; Philip Fanshawe, Mr. Harking; Arthur Medwyn, Mr. Rockwell; Dr. Flemming, Mr. Davidge; Tootles, Mr. John Drew; Edwards, Mr. Beekman; Lillian Fanshawe, Miss Sidney Cowell; Helen, her cousin, Miss Georgiana Drew; Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. G. H. Gilbert. The comedy has been frequently reviewed in these columns. "Pique" was acted at the other performances during the week to fair business.

A SUMMER SEASON is to be inaugurated at the Park Theatre on May 22, when the prices will be reduced to the following standard: Admission, 50 cents; reserved seats, $1; balcony, 25 cents. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be acted, with Mrs. G. C. Howard in her original role of Topsy; G. C. Howard as St. Clair, his original character, and the other characters will be assumed by Mrs. J. W. Brutone, the Misses Rose Lisle, Pearl Eytinge, Constance Leigh, Bijou Heron, and I. G. Radamma, Messrs. George Kunkel, J. C. Padgett, H. Vaughn, J. W. Brutone, Mr. Thayer, Misses Meader and Haigney, and the "Five of the gendarmes' duet, a number of local hits which took well. The theatre remained closed the balance of the week. Herrmann the magician opens 22."

BUFFALO BILL'S COMBINATION is to play in Newark, N. J., May 27, Paterson 29.

G. F. ROWE is to act in "Brass," supported by a company under the management of Lewis Morrison & Cyril Searle, in Newark, N. J., May 29, New Haven, Ct., 30, Bridgeport 31, Hartford June 1, Providence, R. I., 2, 3. The company will include, besides those already named, Rose Wood, Florence Ellis, Kate Girard, Vining Bowers, Frank Langley, Mr. Morris and others.

ALLEN'S DRAMATIC AND SPECTACULAR COMBINATION is billed in Peoria, Ill., May 26, 27, producing "The Female Forty Thieves."

HARRISON'S "TWO ORPHANS" COMBINATION held forth at the Griswold Opera-house, Troy, N. Y., May 19, 20, to moderate business. The brunt of the play was borne by E. C. McCall, G. W. Harrison, Frank Doud, J. Z. Little, Laura Alberta, Alice A. Harrison. The specialties were by Frank Doud and Jennie Lyons' Friday, and on Saturday evening—the last night of the season—Mr. Cheney gives himself a benefit, at which W. J. Florence, Stuart Robson, Billy Floyd, George Honey, and the regular company will appear. "Married Life' will be presented. .....Anna Dickinson is to write a new play for Katharine Rogers."

CLAUDE DE HAVEN, after the termination of his engagement with John H. Murray's Circus, has been re-engaged at Tony Pastor's New Theatre in this city.

CHARLES POPE arrived in town during the past week. He has postponed his visit to Australia, and next season will manage the Varieties Theatre, New Orleans, La.

MARIE LOUISE (Mrs. Dillon) of the Park Theatre has gone West to join her husband, John Dillon.

JOHN E. LANE, variety agent, advertises to give instruction to amateurs desirous of entering the profession.

JOSEPH PROCTOR left town for Manchester, Mass., on Wednesday last.

DRAMATIC.

FROM CHICAGO, ILL., our correspondent sends the following, under date of May 20: "At Hooley's Theatre the second week of 'Pique' evinces a perceptible falling-off of business. The excellent stage-mounting merits the warmest approval. Geo. Devere as Ragmoney Jim answers divers mooted questions on the subject of finance, which bring down the house. Owen Fawcett and Frank Chapman do what they have to do very nicely. Miss Gilman and Kaitch varies their usual parts with. 'Pique' will probably remain the attraction during the engagement. On May 29 'Rose Michel,' with Rose Eytinge in the title-role, will be produced. After 'Rose Michel' will come Tony Pastor and company, the Kiraify's company, English-opera company (it is not stated whose), Mrs. Gilman and Kaitch varieties and 'Fun in a Fog.' The departures on the 20th were Miss Lena Rivers, Miss Lillian Forrest, James Collins, Martha Wren, Mina Geary and Dan Nash, and the quartet song-and-dance team, Goldie, Barry, Bryant, and Williams. The new faces announced for May 22 are Schrode and Moreste, trapeze performers; Frank Lewis, patriotic singer; and the Snow Brothers, acrobats. Miss Fanny Herring remains.

"SHE WOULD AND SHE WOULD NOT" was brought out at the Chestnut-street Theatre, Philadelphia, on May 15, with a strong cast. Mrs. Allen was a good Hypolita, and praise is due to Miss Lizzie Harold for her performance of Villetta. Geo. H. Griffiths as Don Manuel, Jas. W. Norris as Don Octavio, and W. E. Sheridan as Don Philip were able representatives of their respective characters. "Caste" is on this week, and "Old Heads and Young Hearts" will be given May 29.

THE VOKES FAMILY began an engagement at the Arch, Philadelphia, on the 16th, producing for the first time in this city "A Bunch of Berries." This week they give "Fun in a Fog."

"HUMPTY DUMPTY," represented by Hernandez Foster and troupe, was given at Col. Wood's Museum, Philadelphia, on the 15th inst. and throughout the week to a light business. Wm. Davidge Jr., the popular young comedian, has taken this establishment for the Summer season, and will begin the fourth season of his managerial reign, and will commence on the 22d inst. with a company including Miss Maggie Harold, her first appearance in two years, Frank Evans, C. A. McManus, W. Davidge Jr., Miss Jennie Porter, Miss Marie Wellesley and other Philadelphia favorites.

THE NEW CHAMBRA PALACE, Philadelphia, did not open on the 17th inst., as it had been advertised to do, the opening being postponed till Saturday evening, May 20 but, owing to the fact that the paint in the auditorium was not dry by that date, another postponement was made to Monday evening, May 22. M. Camille Weinschenk has arrived from Paris with scenery and paraphernalia for the spectacle of "A Trip to the Moon," which will shortly be produced.

MR. AND MRS. FLORENCE put in the past week at the Walnut-street Theatre, Philadelphia, devoting the time to giving and receiving "The Almighty Dollar." "Tears, Idle Tears," will predominate this week, Lucille Western opening an engagement on May 22 in "East Lynne." Lucille is a favorite in the Centennial City, and will probably do well.

DEATH OF A. W. YOUNG.—A cable dispatch from London, Eng., announces the death of this popular comedian in that city, after a long sickness. The first record we find of his performing in this city was his acting Jem Baggs at the National (formerly the Chatham Theatre) July 13, 1858. On Dec. 9 of that year he appeared at Wallack's Theatre, acting Launcelot Gobbo in "The Merchant of Venice," which was represented thirty nights, with five nights—a longer run than ever before enjoyed in this city by a Shakespearian play. He continued a member of Wallack's company for many years, acting in both the old theatre on Broadway, near the corner of Broome, and in the present theatre. Some eight or nine years ago he returned to London, and, with the exception of a brief visit here with Mrs. John Wood, when he reappeared in Niblo's Garden March 4, 1872, he has confined his professional efforts to that city. He possessed considerable versatility as an actor, and was of studious habits. He was a good French scholar and excelled in stage Frenchmen who speak broken English. He was the adapter of "Tax Gatherers," "Two Roses," and "Pink Dominos," at Wallack's Theatre under the title of "The Fast Family." Mr. Young, being incapacitated from pursuing his profession for a long time on account of sickness, has left a widow and family in destitute circumstances.

A BOGUS AGENT, claiming to represent Howard & Carle's Black Crook combination, engaged St. James Hall, Buffalo, N. Y., for a week, ending May 27. The manager of the hall learned that the company had no intention of visiting Buffalo, only when it was too late to rent the hall to other parties.

ROSE EYTINGE is to act in "Rose Michel" in Indianapolis, Ind., May 24, 25.

SAM B. VILLA, leading juveniles and female burlesque actor, now performing at the Theatre Comique, this city, will be disengaged after May 29. See card.

AT THE BROOKLYN, N. Y., THEATRE, Miss Charlotte Thompson and Stuart Robson continued for a second week, ending May 20. Miss Thompson presented her new domestic play, entitled "Pride." The drama seems very commonplace in plot, action and dialogue, and the participants in the cast have none appear to any advantage, with the exception of Miss Thompson and H. B. Phillips. "Pride" cannot be said to have been a pronounced success. Following it came "Blackeyed Susan," with Mr. Robson in his well-known impersonation of Captain Crosstree. Maude Harrison rendered Susan with fascinating manner, looking exceedingly pretty and coquettish. Harry Josephs appeared in his original part of Dame Hatley. The burlesque was well placed upon the stage, and received no small share of approval. The same bill continued throughout the week up to Saturday evening, when E. Lamb took his annual benefit. "Maud Muller" and "Blackeyed Susan" constituting the bill. George Fawcett Rowe transplants his comedy of "Brass" to this theatre for a season of seven performances, ending May 27. Edwin Arnott receives a complimentary benefit on the 24th, when a somewhat lengthy bill will be given. Letter of May 22.

THE PROVIDENCE (R. I.) OPERA-HOUSE was closed May 15, 16. Barry Sullivan began his farewell engagement in America 17, producing "Richelieu" to a full house, and playing in his role of "Hamlet" 19, "The Wonder" at Saturday matinee, and "Richard III'" in the evening. Satisfactory support was given by the stock company and J. L. Cathcart, Lillie Wilkinson, and Miss Gertrude Kellogg, who were especially engaged to support Mr. Sullivan during his New England engagement under Manager Henderson. The attendance increased nightly, and on Saturday evening was present the largest and most enthusiastic audience of the week. .....The Buffalo Bill Combination is billed for 22, 23, 24....Maffit & Tyler's "Humpty Dumpty" Company 26, 26, 27.....The Boston Globe Theatre Company are announced for three performances, beginning June 1. H. W. Harper, of the Opera-house Company, is engaged at St. Louis for next season. Walter Treville joins the

BUSINESS at the Comique, St. Louis, Mo., has been good during the week. Ella Davis, a serio-comic vocalist, made her appearance on May 14, and was favorably received. Ah Foon, the Chinese magician, whose services were dispensed with after the opening night, does an act which only tires the beholder. The Poole Bros. and the Clarke Bros., who were billed for May 14, stayed away without offering an explanation. The best feature of the programme was the new ballet, entitled "Our Centennial," George W. Dunbar, ber performer, whose arrival I neglected to announce in my last, closes 20. Sanford and Wilson will separate for a short time, the latter going to Arkansas. Adrienne Grey goes to Detroit, Mich., and Lulu Francis to Chicago, Ill. There will be no new people next (this) week, which is Manager Mitchell's last of the present season. On May 28 Mr. Harry Noxon will inaugurate the Summer season with a new company. Names will be sent next week.....Charley Chas. Conrad, Dutch comedian; Crumley and De Forrest, good song-and-dance men; Smith Sisters, character-sketch artists; and Harry Mendell, who was seen to advantage in negro sketches, were the arrivals at the Adelphi on May 14. Chas. L. Howard presented his one-act piece of "Tiptoe," in which he performed a number of sleight-of-hand tricks quite deftly. The performance concluded with classic groupings by the ladies of the ballet. The stage is now managed by Harry Mendell. Chas. L. Howard and Fred Roberts closed. The Hennessey Brothers are announced 20. Correspondence dated May 19.

"DEAD TO THE WORLD" was the attraction at the Theatre Comique, Detroit, Mich., May 15, Sid. C. France being the star, supported by a full and strong cast of the company, and more too, for Harry Pease and Fred George were engaged extra. The play was well put upon the stage, and drew large houses all the week. Closing this week are the Witmans, for Cleveland; Johnny and May Hanson, Chas. Moore, Jr., Ella Stowe and Gussie McCain. On the 22d we have Billy and Maggie Homer, George and Pauline Barnum and Jolly Nash, the rest of the company being Fannie Wood, Lestie Carle, Ned West, Harry Stanwood, E. R. Barnard, Wright Benson and Harry Lee.....Nick Norton, looking hale and hearty, returned on the 15th from his Southern trip, after a year's absence. He will remain a short time visiting his friends. Advices of May 19.

BUSINESS at the Theatre Comique, Richmond, Va., was unusually good the past week. Mlle. Rosa, dancer, appeared 15, and has been well received. May Marshall did not appear as announced. Mons. Henri De King and Olympia, trapeze artists, continue to please. The lady, in her flying leap, has received three falls during her engagement, but luckily without any serious consequences. Harry De Lave is affected with an abscess on his right hand, but puts in an appearance nightly. Harry Woodson remains in the city, and opens at Tooker's, Norfolk, June 5. Nellie Sarons, Jessie Howard, Mlle. Maretta, and Nellie and Charles Leslie are underlined for 22. Mons. Henri De King, Olympia, Mollie Johnson, and Maggie Pearl closed 20.

AT THE METROPOLITAN, Indianapolis, Ind., "The Seven Sisters," under direction of W. H. Schneider, was acted last week, and was successful. Rollin Howard assumed the character of Mrs. Pluto; Nellie Larkelle, Tartarina; Miss Alice Kemp, Plutella, which were well acted, as were also the characters of Snail, by Mr. Schneider and Pluto by Geo. A. Beane. Interspersed throughout the piece are the specialty performances, including difficult club exercises by De Witt Cooke; an equilibrium act by John Le Clair; Annie Fox in serio-comic vocalism; Ed. Chrissie's Ethiopian eccentricities; and Reynolds and Mara's Irish and Dutch specialties. The departures on 20 will be Annie Fox, Harney Reynolds and John Le Clair, to St. Louis, and Fred Mara to Philadelphia. Next week Edwin Goodrich's border drama "Grizzly Adams" will be brought out. La Pauline, Frankie Lee, and Lizzie Sheldon also open. Letter of May 19.

CINCINNATI VARIETY NEWS to May 19 is sent as appended by our correspondent: "At the National Theatre Comique the new appearances 15 were Bell and Barker, Lizzie Latour, Mons. and Mme. D'Omer, E. T. Goodrich and Al. S. Lipman. Bell and Barker, an Ethiopian comedian failed to make a strong impression. Lizzie Latour is a nice little serio-comic vocalist. The feats of swordsmanship, archery and boxing indulged in by the D'Omers have been seen here before, and are very effective. Messrs. Goodrich and Lipman appeared in the three-act melodrama called 'Grizzly Adams,' the former being a very fair actor of the part of Adams, a hunter. Mr. Lipman personated Eddie Harris creditably. The attendance has been fair. Departures 20: Minnie Clifton, Bell and Barker, Taylor and Welch, and Al. S. Lipman, the two latter going to Indianapolis. Engaged for 22: The Eccentric Four, Searles, Beggs, Cummings and Hines, Master Haney, Carrie Arthur, Sid. A. Vance, and Nellie Fleming, the two latter in a new Irish drama.....At the Star Hotel, located near Lincoln Park, the new people are Willie Hendley, Lizzie Hendley, Charles Hanley, and several novices. The proprietor and most of the company were arrested 14th for giving Sunday performances. Their cases have not yet been heard."

ELAZER A. THOMSON, dramatic agent, Philadelphia, Pa., advertise for coryphees, specialty artists, and musicians, to open in that city May 29; also for a partner for a variety theatre near the Centennial buildings. They also request artists and combinations desiring dates at Concert Hall, Philadelphia, to address them or G. W. Pike, business manager of the establishment.

RICHMOND SISTERS—Josie and Lulu—opened at Tony Pastor's Theatre on May 15, Miss Josie having recovered from her recent illness. They advertise their first open date as July 3.

AT SMITH'S OPERA-HOUSE, Grand Rapids, Mich., business the past week was rather light, though the entertainment was good. The new faces 15 were Harry Kennedy, variety-ist, who pleases, and Will H. Vane, banjoist, who does a good act. The Lavarulles are re-engaged for four nights till 26. The departures 20 were Harry Kennedy and Will H. Vane, and the Barnums, to Indianapolis, and Etta May, to Detroit. The May Sisters and Armstrong and Forbelle are billed to open 21.....Le Grand, character vocalist, is in Detroit for a few weeks, visiting among friends and relatives.

NEW CALIFORNIA PARIS THEATRE, Chicago, Ill., under the proprietorship of M. D. Clark, with Gus Peters as business and stage manager, was opened on May 18. Artists desiring engagements are referred to their card in our business department.

ORRIN BROS., acrobats, can be addressed care of this office for engagements.

HARRY AND LIZZIE BRAHAM will not accompany Tony Pastor's Troupe to California, but will join it again upon its return, early in August.

GEORGE F. MCDONALD was divorced from Frances D. McDonald by the Supreme Court of this State on April 5.

THE WITMAN FAMILY of Tyrolean Singers and Swiss Warblers, including Ferdinand, Charlotte and Joseph, have been vocalizing at the Comique, Detroit, Mich., and have been the recipient of highly complimentary notices from the Detroit press, extracts from which are published in their card, on which they also notify managers that they have open dates.

MISS FANNY HERRING has been re-engaged for another week at Fox's American Theatre, Philadelphia, Pa., and will act Earl Darnly in "The Field of the Cloth of Gold."

SHED LE CLAIR, gymnast, publishes in another column a card, to which managers are referred.

THE FIELDINGS—John and Maggie—will appear next season in a new drama, entitled "True Grit," which has been written expressly for them by Spencer Pritchard. Managers desiring to engage them can address as per advertisement.

W. O'DALE STEVENS, Miss Linda Jeal and Mons. Francois, gymnasts, globe-performers, etc., now performing at the Bella Union Theatre, San Francisco, Cal, are open for engagements. See card.

ANDERSON AND WHITE-face comedians and eccentrics are wanted at the Chateau Mabille Varieties, this city. See card.

ANNIE BRADDON, the Victorellis, Marie De Peu and Carrie Davenport are the new faces this week at the Roy Assembly Rooms, Elizabeth, N. J.

PEEL AND QUEEN in their musical, Ethiopian, and magical specialties are now performing with Heywood Bros.' Combination. They give an entire entertainment, and can be addressed care of this office.

P. T. BARNUM advertises for an engagement in his rig, clog, and song-and-dance specialties.

NED MASON'S COMMONWEALTH appeared in Wellington, Ont., May 15, Bloomfield 16, Milford 17, Mill Point 18, 19, Picton 20. The company includes Minnie Mason, Frank Gormley, Robert Drew, B. A. Gage, Ned Mason, and Prof. A. F. Worbes.

THE FOY SISTERS begin an engagement of four weeks' duration at the Grand Central Theatre, Philadelphia, Pa., June 12.

HUMPHREY & DESMOND'S Star Variety Combination, we are informed, is to start on a tour of the New England States, opening in Cambridge, Mass., May 26. The company is to include Masters Williams and Martin, Tommy Griffin, Tommy Arlington, Griffin and Kelley, and D. Sullivan. Dan Hurley is business-manager, and D. Desmond stage-manager.

WILBUR BLAKE, comedian, is at present fulfilling an engagement at the Theatre Comique, this city.

BOISSER'S MILITARY HALL, Philadelphia, is a popular temple of variety, and the attractions are many. Good artists are in demand here, and the profession should observe advertisement in another column.

AT THE GRAND VARIETY MUSIC HALL, Philadelphia, the new people on the 15th were Myles Morris, Irish vocalist and dancer; Walter Gale, change artist; the La Rue Family, acrobats; Annie Kemp Bowler, operatic vocalist; and Frank A. Cosly, comic vocalist. The closures on the 20th were Sam E. Ryan, comedian; Walter Gale, Miss Sallie Adams, Miss Lulu Delmay, and Lew Spencer. The only new appearance announced for May 22 is Miss Wanzie Yeamans, character and serio-comic vocalist and musical specialist. Business improving.

A COSY LITTLE variety theatre is Noonan's, at Ninth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, where talent may get dates. The new faces last week were Fred Ritchie, Dollie Davenport and Emma Walker. Sallie King, La Petite Clara and Emma Walker closed on the 20th inst. Miss Lou Edwards and Miss Joannette Lewis open on the 23d inst.

THE GRAND CENTRAL, Philadelphia, on the 15th presented the Fieldings—John and Maggie—in their sketch called "Irish Domestics;" Baby McDonald, the child character artist; Jas. McDonald, pedestal skate and clog dancer; and Julian Kent in the drama of "Will o' Bill," introducing his trained bear Julia. The departures on the 20th inst. were Kate and G. B. Harcourt, Prof. Robert Nickle, and Julian Kent. The new people booked for May 22 are the Lenton Family, gymnasts; Goss and Fox, song-and-dance men and character artists; and Sam Devere, banjoist.

E. S. WASHBURN'S new vaudeville entertainment will show at Newburg, N. Y., May 24, Peekskill 25, Tarrytown 26, Yonkers 27, Sing Sing 29, White Plains 30, Stamford, Ct., 31, Norwalk June 1. Business along the Hudson is reported as having been larger than ever before, hard times having no effect. W. J. Chappelle and C. W. Helden are in the advance, and the company are now traveling with their own conveyances.

JOHN E. MASTERS, character vocalist, whose address find in another column, would like to correspond with someone who can furnish capital. He has a complete set of Swiss bells.

THE NEW CENTRAL THEATRE, Baltimore, Md., has been doing a good business the past week. The Phottes go to Pittsburg, and Little Lottie and Bob Hall have ended their engagements. The attractions next week will be Shefler and Nelson and the Henri Family .....The Odeon Varieties has been doing fair business. Franklin Johnson closed, and Prof. Waldron and Jennie Brent are billed for May 29.

THE COMIQUE SUMMER THEATRE, Washington, D. C., was opened for the season May 15, with Jake Budd as director of amusements. The company consists of Geo. H. Waite, Ella Weigle, May Hamilton, Minnie Chapin, Nellie St. John, Annie Schott, the Waite Sisters, the Lawrence Sisters, Alice Lacoste, John D. Griffin, Holly and Homer, and Will H. Morton. Miss St. John's sentimental vocalism and the serio-comic songs of Miss Chapin were frequently encored. The Lawrence Sisters do a neat double-trapeze act. Miss Schott's illusions of "Masks and Faces" and the "Salon du Diable, or the Devil's Statue," were the most attractive features of the performance. The other new appearances met with favor. There are no changes to chronicle this week.

VARIETY NEWS from Pittsburg, Pa., is sent by our correspondent as follows under date of May 19: "The new manager of Trimble's Varieties Theatre, B. C. Hart of Cleveland, took hold on May 15. C. F. Hall is announced as prompter, Billy Sharp, Ethiopian director, and M. C. Sexton leader of orchestra. The performance commenced with a female-minstrel first-part, with Frank Bell and B. C. Hart on the ends, and Fred McAvoy as interlocutor. Nine of ten ladies took part, Bonnie Nelson singing 'Good Old Friends.' Conway and Kerrigan then appeared in their specialties, and the following people also appeared in a lengthy programme: The Parker Sisters, sketch artists and dancers; the Sanyeahs, revolving globes; Wm. A. Huntley, banjoist; Fred and Annie McAvoy in an Irish sketch; Frank Bell in a burlesque oration; sketch by Messrs. Hart, Sharp, Bonnie Nelson, etc.; the Whitings in specialties; Conners and Coleman, song-and-dance; sketch by Winnetts; Love Sisters, dancers, with sketches; Sheehan and Jones, Irish specialities; and the show concluded with Fred McAvoy's burletta of 'The Frolics of Pat,' with Fred McAvoy, Tommy Winnett, Annie McAvoy, Annie Whiting, etc., in the cast. The audience did not disperse until nearly 12 o'clock. As a whole, the performances were satisfactory. The attendance was large, and has continued good all week. Matinees Wednesdays and Saturdays, and Tuesday and Friday lady nights. Closing 20: McAvoys, Conners and Coleman, Sanyeahs, and Sheehan and Jones. The Claire Sisters, Fields and Hoey, James and Baby McDonald, and Master Tommy Fish commence on the 22d, and Manchester and Jennings appear at that time. .....Tony Pastor is billed for Library Hall on May 29, 30, 31."

THE NEW FACES at the Athenæum, Columbus, O., May 15, were the Crawford Brothers, youthful but clever sketch artists; and Pete Johnson, Irish character sketches. Emma Lulu and Mme. Stormue put in an appearance 16, having missed train-connections. The business done has been quite light, and the season will probably close soon. Or two our performances at the Howard Athenæum, Boston, Mass., this (last) week began with the farce of "That Rascal Thomas," in which Harry Bloodgood appeared. Edna Markley then sang several songs, among them "The Last Rose of Summer," and Bennett and Kernell gave their act called "The Sligo Guard." Mlle. Garretta and Sig. Monta followed with their remarkable double-jugglery, and Wesley an and Casey gave their musical acts. Wayne, Lovely, Cotton and Birdue followed in their original sketch "Hotch Potch," which introduced a number of very comical acts, and which met with much success. Pat Rooney then gave his Irish songs. His "Pretty Peggy" was decidedly the best thing he does, being neat, graceful, and in its way thoroughly unique. The sketch of "Joshua Whitcomb" closed the performance, Den Thompson appearing as an old Yankee—very good, indeed. Next week (this) N. C. Goodwin Jr. and Minnie Palmer appear....Nothing new at the Boylston Museum. Mabel Pearl, Billy Wylie, Sidney Irish and Andy Garland were the fresh appearances. The advertisements present in large, heavy letters the name of Cool Burgess. Close inspection, however, reveals the words, in minute letters, "Mr. Sidney Irish in his imitations of." Correspondence dated May 20.

THE NEW ARRIVALS at the Parisian Varieties, Philadelphia, on May 15, were the character dualists and dancers Jas. Commerson and Maggie McCabe; Lillie Ellis, serio-comic vocalist; and Millie Chloris, statue-artist. Business fair.

E. T. STETSON and Marian Sommers in the drama of "Work and Neck;" Miss Annie Hindle in her male impersonations; Harry Bryant, ventriloquist; and Miss Eloise Allen, balladist, were the new appearances at the new National Theatre, Philadelphia, on the 15th. Miss Allen has made a hit, and has been engaged for another week. The closures on the 20th were Maggie Gray, Collins and Turner and Sadie Dunbar, to New York; Harry Osborne and Fannie Wentworth, to Williamsburg; the Lamonts, to Greenwich, N. Y., to lay off, having cancelled issue dates; and Lena Cole (previously reported last week). To arrive 22 are the Richmond Sisters, the Murrays—Ed. and Alice Ross—The Ventini Troupe—consisting of Mlle. Zulella, Mons. Ventini, Master Connelly and Gus Foster—and the Bangert Bros.....The Metropolitan has done its usual of business the past week. An addition of four pieces has been made to the orchestra, making in all nine musicians, under the leadership of Prof. Victor Sperati. The newcomers 15 were May Lindon, a pleasing serio-comic singer; Watson and Walling in a musical sketch entitled "The Old Back-gate;" and Frank A. Gibbons in a balancing-act on the trapeze, concluding with a feat entitled "The Slide for Life," in which he descends from the roof of the stage a distance of fifty feet—with the assistance of a slipping-rope and fancy dances; and the Claire Sisters—Minnie and Maggie—who do a very fine double contortion act. Maggie also does a good flying-ring act. Closing 20: Claire Sisters, to Pittsburg; and the La Verde Family. Opening 22: Fred and Annie McEvoy, Andy Morris, Ella Stowe, Blanche Porter and Leslie Carle.....At the Comique the new faces 15 were Jolly John Nash, who has proved a big card; Minnie Baker in songs and dances, who was fair; and May Hawthorn, a petite young lady, who has a very good voice. Sheehan and Jones, announced, did not come. Closing 20: the Poole Brothers, to Buffalo (one of them—the other left for Philadelphia last night, in answer to a telegram calling him there to see a sick relative); John Nash, to Detroit; and J. E. Parker and wife. Opening 22: Murphy and Mack, Gussie McCain, Harry Thompson, Marie Olive, Alice La Monte, John Darke. Letter of May 20.

BURTON AND KELLY, specialty artists, have re-entered into partnership, and open at the Comique, Williamsburg, N. Y., June 5. They can be addressed care of this office.

SPECIALTY ARTISTS and serio-comic vocalists can secure engagements by addressing the manager of the Academy of Music, Chicago, Ill.

PERFORMERS desiring engagements and amateurs wishing to enter the profession are referred to Davis & Co.'s cards in another department.

NICOLO NORTON, ringmaster, juggler and concert performer, who has just concluded an engagement with Cook's Circus, can be engaged by addressing as per card.

W. W. COLE'S HIPPODROME, MENAGERIE AND CIRCUS is billed in Webster City, Ia., for May 30, Waverley 31, Chas. City, June 1, Cedar Falls 2, Vinton 3, West Union 5, Independence 6, Galena, Ill., 7.

JOHN O'BRIEN'S "Sit Shows Consolidated," with price of admission reduced to 25cts., exhibits at Newtown, N. J., June 1.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COMICAL BROWN shows at Chelsea, Mass., May 23, Gaysville 24, Rochester 25, Roxbury 26, East Randolph 27, Williamsboro 29, Bagre 30, Middlesex 31.

MUSIC HALL, Quebec, Can., under the management of E. A. McDowell, is open for rental. It has a seating capacity of 1,200. Particulars can be obtained from C. E. Holiwell, agent, who advertises.

ALL KINDS of scenic paintings can be obtained at D. B. Hughes' studio, advertised elsewhere.

HARRY JILLSON, aeronaut, is open for engagements. He also advertises to make balloons and necessary apparatus to order.

CHALET, ventriloquist, is now traveling with Parks & Lewis of Howe's London Circus. His permanent address is published in his card in this issue.

BROAD & KUSZ, who are proprietors of Cushman's Opera-house and McClellan Hall in Georgetown, Col., are erecting a new opera-house, to be called the Silver Queen, and it is to be the largest in that territory.

A NEW OPERA-HOUSE, now being built in South Norwalk, Ct., will be ready for occupancy on or about June 1. It has a seating capacity for about 1,100 persons.

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"LE MODELE" was produced last week at the Palais Royal, Paris.

MUSICAL.

"GIOCONDA," an opera by Ponchielli, has made a hit at Milan, Italy, with the tenor Gayare and Mme. Mariani in the cast.

THE WAGNER THEATRE in Baireuth will contain 1,344 seats, besides a "Princes' gallery." The performance will begin at four o'clock each day, a considerable pause being allowed between the acts, so that the last act will only begin at half-past six, and the third at half-past eight.

"EBEN ARI," a new comic opera by G. Dullo, in three acts, was recently produced with success at Koenigsberg, Germany.

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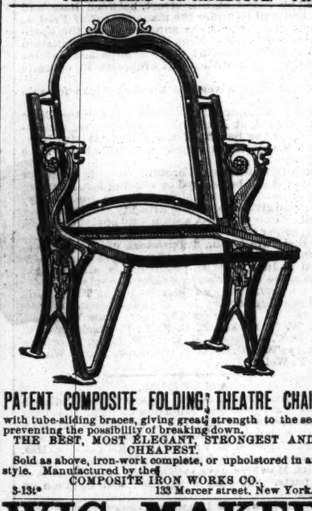

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